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OF THE

# FIRST SESSION

OF THE

# GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HELD WITH THE

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GASTONIA, N. C.

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F. M. Huggins, Belmont.
W. A. Hough, Gastonia.
C. C. Kiser, Gastonia.
R. G. Mace, Belmont.
G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia.
D. F. Putnam, Cherryville.
Rush Padgett, Louisville.
W. W. Pressley, Gastonia.
C. A. Rhyne, Bessemer City.
C. Q. Rhyne, Gastonia.
W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden.
R. L. Smith. Stanley.
C. L. Taylor, Mayworth.
C. A. G. Thomas, Mt. Holly
A. E. Teague, Belmont.
D. B. Tritt. Nars Hill.
J. L. Vipperman, Dallas.
J. W. Ward, Belmont.
J. J. Waldrop, Lincolnton.

## MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Gaston County Baptist Association met in its first session with the First Baptist Church, of Gastonia, on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

After singing the campaign song, "When Millions Come Pouring In," and a prayer by D. F. Putnam, of Cherryville, W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, Gastonia, was elected temporary chairman, and David P. Dellinger, temporary secretary.

The following Letters of Dismission were read:

The South Fork Baptist Association grants the following churches, Dallas, Mount Beulah, Long Creek, Alexis, Belmont First, Belmont East, Gastonia First, Gastonia East, Gastonia South, Loray, Hickory Grove, High Shoals, Lowell, Mayworth, McAdenville, Mount Holly, Sandy Plains, Spencer Mountain, Tuckaseege, and Bruington, this letter of dismission for the purpose of forming a new association of like faith and order.

This is to certify that the above churches are all in good standing, and at their own request are hereby dismissed for the purpose above stated. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

Done by order of the South Fork Association in annual session assembled at Lincolnton, N. C., October 30th, 1919.

(Signed) OSBORNE BROWN, Moderator.
(Signed) J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

The Kings Mountain Association to the proposed new Association in Gaston County, sendeth greetings:

This is to certify that Cherryville, Bessemer City, Mount Zion and Shady Grove Baptist churches are members of the Kings Mountain Association in good and regular standing and at their

own request are dismissed from the said Association to unite with you.

By order of the Association in regular annual session at Sandy Plains church, September 18, 1919.

(Signed) J. W. SUTTLE, Moderator.
(Signed) J. J. LATTIMORE, Clerk.

The roll of the churches was called and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Alexis—W. F. Huggins.

Belmont First—W. J. Francis and F. M. Huggins.

Bessemer City—C. C. Clark and C. A. Rhyne.

Bruington—W. W. Rimmer.

Cherryville—D. F. Putnam, J. H. Trott, W. J. T. Styers, B. H. Roberts and David P. Dellinger.

Dallas—J. W. Summey, W. E. Rhyne, J. L. Vipperman, J. R. Lewis and J. R. Durham.

East Belmont—R. G. Mace.

East Gastonia—J. V. Fisher, John H. Setzer, G. C. Moss, W. L. Walters, C. B. Newton and C. C. Kiser.

Gastonia First—H. B. Moore, J. R. Shuford, J. S. Wray, J. D. Smith and W. C. Barrett.

Hickory Grove—J. Lee Abernethy, G. W. Rumfeldt and L. M. Flowers.

High Shoals—T. S. Clark and J. J. Waldrop.

Long Creek—F. M. Pasour.

Lucia—U. B. McIntosh and W. H. Allen.

Loray—P. M. Summey, W. Lee Smith and G. P. Abernethy.

Lowell—J. A. Funderburk, J. P. Kimbro and C. Q. Rhyne.

Mayworth—S. C. Bush and C. L. Taylor.

McAdenville—B. H. Waters, J. F. Abernethy and C. A. Caldwell.

Mt. Beulah—J. H. Kenley, L. A. Barbee, W. B. Elam and Ed Biggerstaff.

Mt. Holly—O. L. Hoffman, A. U. Stroup and C. A. G. Thomas.

Mt. Zion—D. H. Dellinger.

Ranlo—F. M. Smith and W. J. Day.

Sandy Plains—W. A. Hough.

Shady Grove—D. M. Witherspoon, B. C. Foster and T. F. Sellers,

South Gastonia—T. C. Smith, S. L. Smith, J. S. Hawkins, L. J. Waldrop, G. H. Logan, W. A. Hough and C. P. Gardner.

Spencer Mountain—A. W. Jones, W. A. Hawkins and C. Q. Rhyne.

Tuckaseege—P. G. Whistnant and Walter Mullis.

Every church being represented the Association, on motion, elected the following officers:

Moderator, H. B Moore,; Vice-Moderator, W. J. Francis; Clerk, David P. Dellinger. Treasurer, W. L. Walters.

The moderator takes charge of the meeting and on motion of W. C. Barrett The Gaston County Baptist Association is selected for the name of the association.

On motion W. C. Barrett, F. M. Huggins, C. C. Kiser, D. F. Putnam and J. L. Vipperman are elected as a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws and to report at the next session.

R. G. Mace offers the following resolution which is adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the very great importance of the B. Y. P. U. work of our churches, there be elected by this session of the association and by each subsequent annual session of the association an Associational B. Y. P. U. Director who shall have direction of the B. Y. P. U. work in the association, and that the director be requested to organize as early as convenient an Annual Associational Convention of the B. Y. P. U. in the association.

Be it Further Resolved, That the director shall make a written report to the Association at each session.

On motion of J. L. Vipperman, R. G. Mace is elected B. Y. P. U. director of the association.

J. L. Vipperman reads the following text in scripture:

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

On motion of W. C. Barrett, and after discussion by J. L. Vipperman and D. F. Putnam, this is adopted as the motto of the Association and is to be printed in all the minutes of the Association.

W. C. Barrett offers fitting remarks to the end that the Association should enter into a solemn pledge to stand and work together in everything for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and on his suggestion C. C. Kiser

led in a special prayer for the success of the Association in all its work.

The moderator, on motion by W. C. Barrett duly passed, appoints the following committee on Time and Preacher: C. A. Caldwell, C. C. Kiser and F. M. Huggins.

J. L. Vipperman extends a special and pressing invitation to the Association to meet next year with the Long Creek Memorial church. On motion of W. C. Barrett is immediately accepted.

C. Q. Rhyne presents a letter from the newly organized church at Ranlo asking to be admitted to the Association. On motion of W. C. Barrett the letter is referred to a committee to be appointed by the moderator to examine into the Articles of Faith and report at the afternoon session. Committee appointed: J. L. Vipperman, C. A. G. Thomas and D. F. Putnam.

The following visitors were recognized: J. W. Suttle, moderator of the Kings Mountain Association; J. H. Quinn, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School; D. J. Hunt, Moderator of the Sandy Run Association; W. T. Tate from the Sandy Run Association; W. R. Beach, of Kings Mountain; C. T. Hawkins and A. L. Cline, of the South Fork Association, and S. F. Conrad, Colportuer, of Charlotte, N. C.

The committee files an oral report that Ranlo church be accepted to membership in this body and its delegates entitled to seats. On motion the report is adopted. The church and delegates are enrolled under the proper heading.

J. H. Quinn is recognized to present the matter of adopting the Boiling Springs High School, of Boiling Springs, N. C., as the Associational School of the Gaston County Baptist Association, which was done in vivid and forceful language. He then announced a committee composed of J. W. Suttle, W. R. Beach and J. H. Quinn from the Kings Mountain and D. J. Hunt and W. T. Tate from the Sandy Run Associations to present the following resolutions:

## Resolutions Adopted by Board Trustees Boiling Springs High School.

Whereas, It is proposed to organize an Association on November 4th, 1919, of the Baptist churches of Gaston county, N. C., to be known as the Gaston County Baptist Association, a part of the churches to form said Association at this time being members of the Kings Mountain Association; and

Whereas, said Association will likely endorse and adopt some of the secondary schools now in existence; and, whereas, the Boiling Springs High School is in close proximity to the terrjtory of the new Association and two members of this Board being members of churches located in Gaston county: now therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That we, the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School, in special meeting assembled on this the 25th day of September, 1919, hereby extend to the Gaston County Association when it shall be duly organized, an invitation to endorse and adopt the Boiling Springs High School as its associational school and to co-operate with the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations in owning, operating and maintaining said school on such basis as shall hereafter be worked out by this board of Trustees and a special committee to be appointed for this purpose by the Gaston County Association.

2nd, That the granting of letters to churches of Gaston county by the Kings Mountain Association to join the new Association shall not disqualify members of such churches to hold positions on this board until the next annual meeting of the Kings Mountian Association.

3rd, That the foregoing resolutions shall be without force or effect until approved in due form by both the Kings Mountain and the Sandy Run Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. QUINN,
CARME ELAM,
W. T. TATE,
Committee to Draft Resolutions.

Approved by the Kings Mountain Association in annual meeting assembled on September 25th, 1919.

(Signed) J. J. LATTIMORE, Clerk.

Approved by the Sandy Run Association in annual meeting assembled on October 9th, 1919.

(Signed) G. B. PRUETTE, Clerk.

On motion of C. A. G. Thomas the moderator is authorized to appoint a committee to consider the matter and report at this session. The committee was appointed as follows: D. F. Putnam, J. L. Vipperman and C. A. G. Thomas.

The committee on Time and Preacher makes the following report which is adopted:

We, your committee on time and preacher for the First Annual Meeting of the Gaston County Baptist Association, beg leave to submit the following report: Time, Tuesday, 10 A. M., after the third Sunday in October, 1919; Preacher, D. F. Putnam, of Cherryville; Alternate, R. G. Mace, of Belmont.

C. A. CALDWELL, Chairman.
F. M. HUGGINS,
C. C. KISER.

W. T. Tate, D. J. Hunt and J. W. Suttle are recognized and make short forceful speeches urging the Association to adopt the Boiling Springs High School. Every word was heard with much interest.

On motion of J. L. Vipperman the moderator is authorized to appoint an Executive Committee to serve until the next session. Committee is as follows: H. B. Moore, ex-offico chairman; J. L. Vipperman, D. F. Putnam, F. M. Huggins, W. C. Barrett, C. A. G. Thomas, C. C. Kiser and R. S. Lewis.

All names of members of churches suggested by the pastors were entitled to enroll as delegates, on motion of W. C. Barrett and duly passed by the Association.

On motion of C. C. Kiser the Association takes a recess from 12:30 to 1:30 P. M.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator calls the association to order exactly at 1:30 P. M. After singing the 75-Million Campaign song, "When Millions Come Pouring In," C. A. Caldwell offered a prayer opening the session.

Committee on Order of Business for the next session is appointed as follows: W. A. Hough, J. J. Waldrop and C. A. Rhyne.

The moderator appointed the Chairmen of Committees to write reports for next session:

Foreign Missions—C. A. G. Thomas.
Home Missions—F. M. Huggins.
State Misssions—W. C. Barrett.
Woman's Work—R. G. Mace.
Sunday Schools—W. W. Rimmer.
Biblical Recorder—G. P. Abernethy.
Education—J. L. Vipperman.
Ministerial Relief—C. Q. Rhyne.
Obituaries—W. B. McClure.
Digest of Church Letters—Clerk of Association.
Temperance—C. A. Caldwell.
B. Y. P. U.—C. C. Kiser.
Orphanage—D. F. Putnam.

The committee to consider the Boiling Springs High School matter reports as follows:

## BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Your committee on Boiling Springs High School offer the following report:

1. That we adopt said school as our Associational School and give it our hearty co-operation.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to visit the school and investigate conditions, consult with the trustees and report a basis of co-operation at the next meeting of the Association.

C. A. G. THOMAS.
D. F. PUTNAM,
J. L. VIPPERMAN.

The report is adopted by unanimous vote, and the following committee is appointed: J. L. Vipperman, J. W. Summey and J. R. Shuford.

W. C. Barrett and R. G. Mace present the matter of the condition of the Lucia church and the urgent need of funds to put the building in shape for immediate use. A cash collection was taken amounting to $56.25.

W. C. Barrett makes report on the matter of an $800 debt on church lot for the newly organized church at Ranlo. On motion of D. F. Putnam the matter was referred to the Executive Committee with authority to act.

On motion the Moderator is authorized, and appoints the following:

Delegates to State Convention: David P. Dellinger, C. C. Kiser and F. M. Huggins.

Southern Baptist Convention: J. L. Vipperman.

Member State Mission Board: W. C. Barrett is elected on motion of W. A. Hough.

W. C. Barrett calls the roll of the churches and finds 5,271 members in the Association.

On motion the Moderator is authorized to appoint a committee to handle the matter of providing funds for printing the minutes of the session. Committee named as follows: D. F. Putnam, R. G. Mace and W. L. Walters.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following, which is adopted:

There appear in the minutes of this new-born Association, the Gaston County Baptist Association, no statistical report based upon and growing out of the fact that the statistical report of the churches forming this new Association, are found in the minutes of the Kings Mountain and South Fork Associations out of which this new Association is formed. J. L. VIPPERMAN.

On motion of J. S. Wray the Moderator is asked to appoint a committee to prepare a form letter and advise and recommend the use of the same in the Association. Letters of dismission of members to join other churches to carry certain financial and other facts as to the obligations of the member for information to the church he

proposes to join. Committee named as follows: J. S. Wray, T. C. Smith and F. M. Huggins.

J. H. Quinn extends the hearty thanks of the Board of Trustees to the Association for its action in adopting the Boiling Springs High School as our Associational High School.

W. J. Francis offers the following:

In view of the fact that the members, and especially the ladies of the First Baptist church have so graciously entertained the Association, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we as a body express our thanks to the pastor and members of the First Baptist church for their kindness to us.

On motion of T. C. Smith the resolution is adopted by a unanimous vote.

The committee to arrange for funds for printing the minutes report and recommend that the churches be requested to pay into this fund the following amounts, which report is adopted:

Alexis, $1.00; Belmont, $5.00; Dallas, $3.00; East Belmont, $4.00; East Gastonia, $7.50; Gastonia First, $7.50; Hickory Grove, $2.00; High Shoals, $1.00; Long Creek Memorial, $3.00; Loray, $5.00; Lowell, $2.00; Mayworth, $2.50; McAdenville, $3.00; Mt. Beulah, $2.00; Mt. Holly, $4.00; Sandy Plains, $2.00; South Gastonia, $2.50; Spencer Mountain, $1.00; Tuckaseege, $1.00; Cherryville, $5.00; Bessemer City, $3.00; Mt. Zion, $2.00; Shady Grove, $1.50; Lucia, 50c. Total $71.00.

.On motion of D. F. Putnam it is ordered that the clerk be paid $15.00 for his services in the preparation and distribution of the minutes.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following:

It is the sense of this new Association, the Gaston County Baptist Association, that we hold regular fifth Sunday meetings throughout the year. Such meeting to be held, if possible, in connection with the fifth Sunday Singing School, known as the Gaston County Baptist Singing Convention. All meetings to convene on Friday night preceding each fifth Sunday. That a regular committee composed of three members to be known as the Fifth Sunday Program Committee be appointed by this newly organized Association.

The resolution is adopted and the committee follows: W. A. Hough, F. M. Huggins and C. P. Gardner.

On motion of W. C. Barrett it is ordered that a committee of five lay members be appointed to confer with the pastors of the churches as to ways and means for providing the necessary expenses of every pastor in attending the Baptist State Convention. The Moderator appoints the following: T. C. Smith, J. S. Wray, W. L. Walters, F. M. Pasour and D. P. Dellinger.

W. C. Barrett makes a motion, which is adopted, that a committee of five pastors be appointed to encourage young men and women in the Association who express a purpose to enter the ministry or to go as missionaries. And the committee is: J. L. Vipperman, W. C. Barrett, G. P. Abernethy, C. A. Caldwell and W. W. Rimmer.

And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.—I Sam. 10:26.

But Peter took him up, saying, stand up; I myself also am a man.—Acts 10:26.

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.—I Tim. 1:12.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was movel with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37. Then saith He unto His disciples. The harvest truly is plentuous, but the laborers are few. 38. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest.—Matt. 9:36-38.

And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.—Heb. 5:4.

The Moderator is authorized to fill any vacancies that may arise during the Associational year.

The following is proposed by J. L. Vipperman and adopted:

Resolved, That all our church clerks be requested to mail the church letters to the clerk of the Association at least ten (10) days before the meeting of the Association to enable the clerk to prepare and print the Digest of Church Letters for distribution at the opening session thereof.

Resolved further, That it is the sense of this body that the Associational Year should close with the last Sunday in September and we trust all our churches will see proper to govern themselves accordingly.

On motion of C. C. Kiser, the Association adjourned to meet with the Long Creek Memorial church, near Dallas, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1920, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

H. B. MOORE, Moderator.
DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk.

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### A TELEGRAM.

Received after adjournment.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 4, 1919.

Rev. W. C. Barrett,
First Baptist Church,
Gastonia, N. C.

Blessings on the new association. Phillipians three seven to fourteen.

W. R. CULLOM.

## CHURCHES, WHEN ORGANIZED, PASTORS, TIME OF PREACHING, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

Following for reference only. Statistics for all Churches and Sunday Schools will be found in the minutes of the South Fork and Kings Mountain Associations, from which this Association was formed.

| Churches | Organized | Pastors | Sundays Preaching | Clerks and Postoffice |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Alexis | 1903 | A. W. Setzer | 1 | S. M. Stroup, Alexis. |
| 2. Belmont First | 1874 | F. M. Huggins | * | W. H. Stowe, Belmont. |
| 3. Bessemer City | | C. A. Rhyne | * | W. E. Hull, Bessemer City. |
| 4. Bruington | 1853 | W. W. Rimmer | 1 3 | J. O. Smith, Stanley. |
| 5. Cherryville | | D. F. Putnam | * | J. H. Trott, Cherryville. |
| 6. Dallas | 1877 | J. L. Vipperman | 2 4 | J. R. Lewis, Dallas. |
| 7. East Belmont | 1912 | R. G. Mace | * | W. L. Chapman, Belmont. |
| 8. East Gastonia | 1901 | C. C. Kiser | * | D. M. Robinson, Gastonia. |
| 9. Gastonia First | 1884 | W. C. Barrett | * | C. M. Moore, Gastonia. |
| 10. Hickory Grove | 1913 | W. B. McClure | 2 4 | J. Lee Abernethy, Lowell. |
| 11. High Shoals | 1902 | J. J. Waldrop | 1 | M. C. Dellinger, High Shoals. |
| 12. Long Creek Memorial | 1772 | J. L. Vipperman | 1 3 | A. R. Holland, Dallas. |
| 13. Lucia | | R. G. Mace | * | U. B. McIntosh, Mt. Holly. |
| 14. Loray | 1905 | G. P. Abernethy | | R. F. Littlejohn, Gastonia. |
| 15. Lowell | 1892 | C. Q. Rhyne | 1 3 | Jake Hendrix, Lowell. |
| 16. Mayworth | 1911 | C. L. Taylor | 1 2 3 | W. L. Beach, Mayworth. |
| 17. McAdenville | 1887 | C. A. Caldwell | * | B. H. Waters, McAdenville. |
| 18. Mount Beulah | 1916 | J. L. Vipperman | | J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City. |
| 19. Mount Holly | 1890 | C. A. G. Thomas | * | M. L. Barnes, Mt. Holly. |
| 20. Mount Zion | | None | 2 | D. H. Dellinger, Cherryville. |
| 21. Ranlo | 1917 | C. Q. Rhyne | | |
| 22. Sandy Plains | 1863 | W. A. Hough | 2 4 | N. A. Jenkins, Gastonia. |
| 23. Shady Grove | | None | 1 | D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville. |
| 24. South Gastonia | 1917 | W. A. Hough | * | L. G. Redding, Gastonia. |
| 25. Spencer Mountain | 1909 | C. Q. Rhyne | 4 | W. A. Hawkins, Lowell. |
| 26. Tuckaseege | 1911 | L. A. Bangle | 2 4 | J. L. Thomas, Mt. Holly. |

*Every Sunday.

## CHURCHES AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

| | Churches | Superintendents and Postoffices. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Alexis | S. M. Stroup, Alexis. |
| 2. | Belmont First | W. J. Francis, Belmont. |
| 3. | Bessemer City | W. E. Hull, Bessemer City. |
| 4. | Bruington | J. P. Calloway. Stanley. |
| 5. | Cherryville | M. A. Stroup, Cherryville. |
| 6. | Dallas | R. S. Lewis, Dallas. |
| 7. | East Belmont | W. L. Chapman, Belmont. |
| 8. | East Gastonia | C. B. Newton, Gastonia. |
| 9. | Gastonia First | W. J. Clifford, Gastonia. |
| 10. | Hickory Grove | T. P. Lineberger, Lowell. |
| 11. | High Shoals | M. C. Dellinger, High Shoals. |
| 12. | Long Creek Memorial | F. M. Pasour, Dallas. |
| 13. | Lucia | W. H. Allen, Mt. Holly. |
| 14. | Loray | W. Lee Smith, Gastonia. |
| 15. | Lowell | Jake Hendrix, Lowell. |
| 16. | Mayworth | A. W. Young, Mayworth. |
| 17. | McAdenville | J. C. Pence, McAdenville. |
| 18. | Mount Beulah | E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City. |
| 19. | Mount Holly | M. L. Barnes, Mt. Holly. |
| 20. | Mount Zion | D. H. Dellinger, Cherryville. |
| 21. | Ranlo | Gastonia. |
| 22. | Sandy Plains | John Millen, Lowell. |
| 23. | Shady Grove | D. R. Stroup, Cherryville. |
| 24. | South Gastonia | G. H. Logan, Gastonia. |
| 25. | Spencer Mountain | John Cloninger, Lowell. |
| 26. | Tuckaseege | W. L. O'Daniel, Mt. Holly. |

## FLASHES AND THOUGHTS.

The thought uppermost—Baptist 75 Million Campaign, and what it means.

Association was born full grown—5,271 strong.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

# SECOND SESSION

OF THE

# GASTON COUNTY

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HELD WITH THE

## Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church

DALLAS, N. C.

OCTOBER 19-20, 1920

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The next session meets with the Cherryville Baptist Church, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1920, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M.

BRUMLEY-WALTERS PRINTING CO., GASTONIA, N. C.

# CONSTITUTION

## NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association."

## OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention in all the work of these conventions.

## MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

## OFFICERS

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year by the Association at it's annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions, and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such

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HENRY BEELER MOORE

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Henry Beeler Moore was born in Dallas, Gaston county, February 8, 1872, the eldest son of the late James D. Moore and Margaret Lewis Moore.

At the age of 11 years, Mr. Moore was converted, joined the church and was baptized in John's river, near Globe, in Caldwell county where we was attending a preparatory school taught by the late Rev. R. L. Patton, of Morganton. It was one of Mr. Moores joys and pleasures to revisit this scene of his boyhood day. He was educated in the public and private schools of this section and attended Wake Forest College where he was a recognized leader in student activities. Returning to Gastonia after his college days he became associated with his father in the management of the Modena and Morowebb cotton mills and was secretary and treasurer of these mills for 20 years. He was treasurer of the Baptist church for 25 years. In this work he took special pride and no detail of the church was too unimportant for his closest attention. He was a deacon in the church for 14 years. Upon the organization of the Gaston County Association last year he was elected Moderator. For a number of years he was a trustee of Meredith College. He also served as treasurer for the City of Gastonia, a member of the school board of the board of aldermen. of the board of public charities. He was also treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. fund.

He was a true friend and a true and loyal church man. But it was in his immediate family that his devotion shone purest and strongest.

In 1904 he was married to Miss Fannie E. Moore, of Asheville, who survives him. Their home life was beautiful. furnishing an excellent example of the home instituted and conducted according to the divine plan.

## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator----------W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Vice Moderator----------Joe S. Wray, Gastonia, N. C.

Clerk----------David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.

Treasurer----------W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. J. Francis, Ex-Officio, Chairman; Dr. W. C. Barrett, R. G. Mace, F. M. Pasour, Dr. J. L. Vipperman, T. H. King, W. W. Rimmer, Prof. F. L. Smith, D. F. Putnam.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. B. McClure, Alexis; J. M. Ballard, Alexis; W. A. Hough, Gastonia; G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia; Rush Padgett, Louisville; C. Q. Rhyne, Gastonia; A. W. Setzer, Maiden; C. A. G. Thomas, Mount Holly; D. B. Tritt, Mars Hill; J. J. Waldrop, Lincolnton; C. J. Black, Gastonia; W. J. Hopkins, Mount Holly; G. C. Ivery, Cherryville; W. C. Barrett, Gastonia; C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville; R. G. Mace, Belmont; D. F. Putnam, Cherryville; C. A. Rhyne, Bessemer City; W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton; C. L. Taylor, Mayworth; E. A. Teague, Belmont; J. L. Vipperman, Dallas; T. H. King, Gastonia; B. B. Brooks, Gastonia; M. L. Barnes, Gastonia; L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton.

## MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Gaston County Baptist Association met in its second session with the Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church, at Dallas, N. C., on Tuesday, October 19, 1920, at 10:00 A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, W. J. Francis.

After the singing of a hymn, "More Like Jesus," a prayer by W. J. Francis, a Scripture reading, Col. 1:1-19, by R. G. Mace, and a prayer by C. A. Caldwell, the Moderator appointed G. P. Abernethy and R. G. Mace as an Enrollment Committee. The committee distributes and collects enrollment cards, reporting that 6[illegible] delegates were present at the opening.

The next order of business, the election of officers, resulted as follows: W. J. Francis, Moderator; Joe S. Wray, Vice Moderator David P. Dellinger, Clerk; and W. L. Walters, Treasurer.

The chu[illegible]hes represented and the delegates enrolled during the sessions are as follows:

Alexis—D. P. Bynum, J. M. Ballard, E. V. Senter.

Belmont, First—W. J. Francis, Geo. H. Johnson, R. B. Sugg D. P. Stowe.

Bessemer City—W. E. Hull, A. F. Flowers, C. A. Rhyne, C. Le Hayes, H. B. Flowers.

Bruington—W. W. Rimmer, R. F. Craig.

Cherryville—A. L. Houser, D. F. Putnam, J. W. Kendrick, David P. Dellinger, B. H. Roberts.

Dallas—W. E. Rhyne, Judson L. Vipperman, R. S. Lewis.

East Belmont—R. G. Mace, W. L. Chapman, A. E. Teague, R. [illegible] Long, Mrs. R. L. Long.

East Gastonia—Augustus McCoy, W. M. Miller, C. B. Newton, W. L. Walters, T. H. King, Mrs. Urula Hurley.

First Gastonia—W. C. Barrett, Jas. H. Taylor, Dr. C. Highsmith, J. D. Moore, J. S. Wray.

Hickory Grove—T. A. Lineberger, D. L. Abernethy.

High Shoals—J. J. Waldrop.

Long Creek Memorial—J. F. Flowers, T. S. Summey, F. M. Pasour, Carl Holland, Joe Holland, John Campo, T. H. Holland, J. L. Hoffman, Julius Hayes, A. R. Holland.

Lucia—William Fisher, B. L. Miller.

Loray—G. P. Abernethy, John Grigg, Forney Lowe, J. L. Alexander.

Lowell—J. W. Hansel, E. A. Clemmer, C. Q. Rhyne, Z. W. Johnson, R. L. Featherston.

Mayworth—W. R. Bush, C. L. Taylor.

McAdenville—Labe Rhyne, C. A. Caldwell, Julia Wagstaff.

Mount Beulah—J. H. Kenley, J. A. Ramsey.

Mount Holly—F. L. Abernethy, A. U. Stroup, W. W. Skidmore, O. L. Hoffman, Mrs. O. L. Hoffman.

Mount Zion—Thomas Dellinger, E. Lee Dellinger, Lee Wacaster, D. H. Dellinger.

Ranlo—M. L. Barnes, Mrs. F. L. Smith, Miss Earl McArver.

Sandy Plains—J. C. Millen, Ralph Pressley, W. E. Beatty, N. A. Jenkins.

Shady Grove—G. C. Ivery, Floyd L. Mauney, D. R. Stroup.

South Gastonia—W. A. Hough, L. G. Redding, T. C. Smith.

Spencer Mountain—Not represented.

Tuckaseege—J. D. Smith.

Calvary, Gastonia—S. G. McAllister.

Hull's Grove—G. C. Ivery.

The following were enrolled as visitors: Walter N. Johnson, of Raleigh, representing the State Mission Board; Livingston Johnson, Editor of the Biblical Recorder; S. F. Conrad, colporteur; Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, W. P. Branch, W. O. Glover, Mrs. Jacob Alexander, Zula Lanier, Mrs. Queen, Mrs. M. P. Bumgardner and Lettie Carpenter.

On motion it is ordered that the discussion on State Missions displace the Biblical Recorder hour. Dr. Walter N. Johnson delivers a most powerful and appealing speech on Missions, giving something of his ideas and theme for the work of the churches, outlining some of its great opportunities.

A splendid and most cordial address of welcome is delivered by Dr. Vipperman, pastor of the Long Creek Memorial church.

The Association adjourns at 12:15, to meet at 1:15. Benediction by W. C. Barrett.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association meets according to adjournment and is called to order by the Moderator. Devotional service is led by T. H. King.

G. P. Abernethy makes motion that the Moderator appoint a committee to procure a picture and draft a suitable memorial of the late H. B. Moore, the beloved Moderator who died in office. Motion carries unanimously and the committee appointed is: W. C. Barrett, J. S. Wray, and G. P. Abernethy.

Next is the matter of report of the Trustees of South Fork Institute. There being no formal report at hand, W. C. Barrett reads the facts from the minutes of the South Fork Association touching the subject. Upon the facts the following committee is appointed to investigate and report the final action of the Trustees with reference to sale of the property and the present status of the funds and other matters in relation thereto: J. S. Wray, R. B. Suggs, and W. L. Walters.

W. C. Barrett presented the following report on State Missions:

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Through our State Mission Board, located at Raleigh, the Baptists of North Carolina are supposed to furnish the gospel, as we believe it, to all the destitute sections in the State. The board has always been hampered in its work on account of limited funds. The 75 Million Campaign has and will enable the board to enlarge its work greatly, if the pledges are all paid. Perhaps the most important and most successful work of the board for the past few years is the enlisting and the developing of all the churches in all the work of the denomination.

### Financial.

The receipts for State Missions for the year ending Nov. 1, 1919, were $74,066.20. The largest amount ever given in one year up until that time. For this year it will be much larger than that. This Association has given directly $42,368.73 this year, with $24,134.08 sent undesignated.

### Evangelization.

There were 1,012 additions to our mission churches in the State last year by baptism. The board is committed to evangelism but it has no evangelistic department or force. We believe it would be wise for the board to organize such a department, in order that the mission points and weaker churches might have the strongest help in their meetings.

### Church Buildings.

While the housing of our people in adequate, comfortable and attractive church houses is one of the most important matters connected with the Kingdom work, our board spent only $3,100.00 in that department last year. We believe this amount ought to be increased largely and that the board take a more active interest in encouraging and assisting churches in erecting church buildings.

We suggest that this Association suggest to the State Convention that steps be taken as soon as possible to erect adequate church buildings at the State Colleges, that our Baptist boys and girls might be under the best of Baptist Church influence while in college.

### Colportage.

The furnishing of good books and papers for our people to read has been neglected too long. The literature of an age or a people lives long after the age has past and the people have perished. We believe this work should be pushed more vigorously, and on a large scale, if possible.

### Mobile Schools.

The Mobile Schools have accomplished much in the training of our people. The work should be continued until every branch is able to train its own members.

The Sunday School work and the Young Peoples' work, which are departments of the board's work, will be discussed under separate reports.

W. C. BARRETT,
For the Committee.

Geo. H. Johnson reads the report on Home Missions:

## HOME MISSIONS.

The work done by and through the Home Mission Board has been a great and telling work. Here are statistics given by Dr. B. D. Gray covering seventy-five years of its service, divided into three periods:

| | Amount Raised. | Missionaries Commissioned. | Stations. | Baptisms. | Churches Organized. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1845-1903 | $3,520,000 | 20,586 | 38,793 | 82,742 | 3,649 |
| 1903-1913 | 3,584,000 | 10,407 | 27,498 | 187,299 | 3,068 |
| 1913-1920 | 5,337,000 | 10,770 | 25,094 | 255,210 | 1,347 |

These figures speak eloquently of effort and achievement on the part of Southern Baptists and of God's wonderful favor upon them.

For more effective work the work of the Home Mission Board is divided into several departments: Mountain Schools, Evangelism, Enlistment, Church Building, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Cuban and Canal Zone Work, and Publicity.

In 1919 the Home Board maintained thirty-nine schools with 5,065 students, 210 teachers, 103 ministerial students and had 244 baptisms during the year in the student body.

Southern Baptists are second to none in their passion and zeal for soul-winning. This year under the Home Mission Board there are about fifty evangelists and evangelistic singers and Dr. Victor I. Masters says, "For soul-winning the equal or like of which is not to be found in the whole world." This year they have baptized 12,000 converts, brought 17,000 into the churches and have secured 2,336 volunteers for missionary service and the ministry.

The Home and State Boards have had this year about eighty enlistment workers laboring within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their success is shown in churches built and improved, parsonages built, fields formed and pastors located, contributions to benevolent objects and pastors' salaries increased.

There are at present about 4,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that are without church buildings. These are worshipping in the open air, in brush arbors, school houses, union chapels forsaken store houses, lodge rooms, and anywhere they can. The church building loan fund is not at all adequate for the demand. The present cash capital is only $716,337. This is less than the amount secured by the Methodists or Disciples. The Home Board is seeking to raise our fund to $1,500,000.

Within the bounds of our convention there are about 4,000,000 foreigners, 140,000 Indians and 9,500,000 Negroes. The Home Board has working among these in all about one hundred and fifty missionaries, evangelists teachers and pastors, and reports of great progress are being made.

Our work in Cuba comprises sixty churches and preaching stations in the four Western provinces, forty-eight missionaries, about 1,800 members, a large day school in Havana, and sixteen day schools in other cities and towns. Mr. M. N. McCall, Superintendent of Cuban Missions, says: "Every year makes increases along all lines, and we believe the work is gathering force for far greater advancement in the not far distant future.

In the Canal Zone we have under the supervision of the Home Mission Board eight churches and stations. One, Balboa Heights, for the whites, the others are for the blacks.

The work of the publicity department of the Home Mission Board is not to be despised nor underestimated. The effort put forth here is in a great measure responsiblbe for the marvelous progress that is being made in the other departments. Through its printed tracts and articles to Baptist papers it keeps the great Southern Baptist hosts informed upon what is being done, our opportunities and what is needing to be done by Home Missions.

In the light of what has been and is being done, and the doors of opportunity that are now open to us, we know that God is with us and blessing us in our Home Mission work, and we may press forward in certain faith of greater success yet to come.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. JOHNSON,

For the Committee.

R. G. Mace reads the report prepared by Chas. A. G. Thomas on Foreign Missions:

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

There can be no greater report for the Gaston Association or any other Baptist body to consider than the report on Foreign Missions. It embodies the last command of our Lord and Master, and is for the Twentieth Century as well as the first. For the churches of Gaston county and North Carolina as well as for the churches in Jerusalem and Judea.

The last command of Jesus Christ makes the duty of Foreign Missions imperative. We must go or send. We must go or give so others can go as our substitutes. The greatest investment in the world is that made in the Foreign Mission enterprise. The

most stupendous business on earth is that of Foreign Missions. The most colossal proposition ever considered by men or angels is that of Foreign Missions. And yet, God's redeemed ones are simply playing with it. The greatest work of the ages has been made a plaything by the churches which Christ has purchased with His Own precious blood. It is our business because

1. God has stamped His approval upon our work in Foreign Fields. He has in a peculiar way placed this work on us, and He has blessed the work of Baptists over the seas as no others. He has placed great honor on Baptists by making their workers the pioneers and leaders; and by His Providence He has guided them into the prominent places, and stationed them at the pivotal points. Our growth has been greater than others, and in consideration of this, our fidelity to the truth, the appeals become more powerful to Baptists than others in all places. The honor placed upon those eleven men by Our Master, is placed upon you, their successors—and not upon Rome, her children and grand children. They have been and are by the authority of tradition the assassins of the rights and liberties of childhood. We must stand fast against every effort to break down believers baptism beyond the seas, as well as on our own shores.

2. Gratitude should prompt us to greater activity in this work. But for the Foreign Mission enterprise we would have been groping in the blackness of darkness without Christ in the world. Millions of our ancestors would have perished in their sins, and been forever lost had not Paul heeded the call for help. Surely this should stir our hearts and cause us to express our gratitude in larger gifts.

3. The Providence of God has broken down every barrier, removed every great difficulty, and opened the way for the advance of His Truth. The world's great war, the greatest conflict of the ages, perhaps, has broken into pieces the Kingdom of the world. The fragments are being scattered upon the sea of humanity and are drifting or being driven to some hidden haven. The Baptists are to build the Harbor for this floating humanity on the Rock of Ages as revealed in the New Testament. Baptists alone, and only Baptists, can build this Haven of safety for those drifting to the world's sandy shores. God's Providence is clearing the deck of the old Ship of Zion for the coming of the King of Glory. If we lift the New Testament banners and follow close upon the heels of God's Providence, the nations of the earth will not gather in battle array, nor in the trenches of deception, nor in a League

of Nations, but in a procession of penitent and trusting sons and daughters of God to welcome the Prince of Peace as He marches to the heavenly portals. This procession must be led by the Baptists, for they are the only soldiers who have obeyed the last great command. If the Baptists of the country are loyal, they will hear the tread of the army of the Lord upward and from the skies will come the song, ""Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be yet lifted up, ye everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

4. Let the churches quit playing at Foreign Missions, and get down to earnest endeavor, according to the best business methods. We have been fiddling and dancing while the world is burning to ruins with the fires of greed and lust. Lust is burning the bodies of our young men to ruin, and thousands of temptresses are marching the streets with as scant robes as Bathsheba when she caused David to fall. David had one temptress, our young have thousands. The churches must quit playing at religion and make it felt as a purging fire from Gaston County to the ends of the world. We study the best business methods for every temporal enterprise. and leave Foreign Missions to sicken and die for support. It is time to get down to business and we urge every church to get down to real work for Missions. To this end we recommend that the pastor and deacons of our churches divide the membership into groups of 10, 25, 50, according to size of same, and press the campaign pledges, as well as new contributions for this great work. It will require work, patience, tact and push to do this regularly, but it will bring the church to its Divine place as the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

CHAS. A. G. THOMAS, Committee.

W. W. Rimmer makes the following report on Sunday Schools:

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

There was never a time when we needed to emphasize the work of every religious agency so much as now. Our Sunday School work has such large possibilities in winning the lost to Christ and training the saved for efficient service that we cannot afford to treat it lightly.

Southern Baptists have undertaken a great Sunday School program. As one of the features of the 75 Million Campaign our

Sunday School Board, with the campaign workers, have outlined for us a great challenging talk, therefore, we in our Association, commit ourselves to the following policies for next year and the years following:

1. Enlargement. There are at least 500,000 people in North Carolina unreached by any Sunday School for whom white Baptists are responsible if we do only our proportionate part of reaching the unreached. We commend the religious census as the best way of performing this task effectively.

2. Adequate organization and equipment are necessary if we are going to properly take care of these people and those already enrolled. This means that our workers must learn how to group or grade, our pupils into the right kind of classes and departments. Then again, we must not forget the physical equipment that will at least meet minimum educational standards. We must provide class rooms, suitable seats, maps, blackboards, etc.

3. Teacher training is a basal necessity in such an hour as this. Our Sunday School Board is urging our people to so press this work that by 1924 we shall have 150,000 people holding the Normal Diploma. This means a great forward movement in our work. We urge the heartiest co-operation on the part of our pastors, officers and teachers.

4. Organized classes are the most effective organizations for reaching, training and using the men and women of our churches and congregations. No other plan has succeeded so well as this. We commend the "Organized Class Magazine" as the best periodical available for the officers of these classes.

5. Evangelism should be the main objective in the work of every Sunday School. Every year in our Baptist constituency at least 20,000 children reach the year of accountability. This does not include thousands and tens of thousands of larger boys and girls and men and women who are not saved and yet who must be reached by us if they are ever reached for the Kingdom. We commend a study of the book, "Winning to Christ," by all of our Sunday School workers.

6. Co-operation with the Sunday School Department of the State Mission Board is our duty. This department stands ready at all times to send helpful tracts on practically every phase of Sunday School work. These are absolutely free and and can be secured from Secretary E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C. He will also aid in every possible way in providing Training Schools and

Institutes for groups of churches in cities, towns or country. He urges inquiry from every one who has an unsolved Sunday School problem.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. RIMMER,
For the Committee.

Dr. J. L. Vipperman read the following report on Boiling Springs High School:

## BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

1. The school plant itself. There are three buildings, the Administration Building, the Moore Cottage and the Boys' Dormitory. The Main Building was erected at a cost of $26,000.00, a three and four-story building, with 44 dormitory rooms and 19 recitation rooms. A basement with dining room, kitchen and storage room.

The Moore Cottage has five rooms. The Boys' Dormitory has 24 rooms. This building cost $3,700.00. This building is not sufficient for present needs, one-half of the boys rooming in the community.

The old church building possibly should be mentioned also. It is, indeed, a very poor building, but is being mightily used as a magnificent art room. The art would challenge any one with an observant eye.

2. Land. The School owns nine acres of land in connection with the School, and the School is planning to add an agricultural department soon. They now teach one year in soil and fertilizer. The value of the whole property at present is put at $100,000.00.

3. New Building. They are now erecting a Memorial Building at a cost of $60,000.00 or $40,000.00 which is provided for and the remaining $20,000.00 will be as the building progresses, since the committee determines that no debt shall be on it when completed. It is to have 15 rooms with auditorium to seat something like 1,000 people.

The new church building to be completed by January 1st is about the last thing to be said on church equipment. It is to cost $50,000.00.

4. Plans for improvement. (1) The following is needed: (2) A central heating plant; (3) A lighting system; (4) Water system, new system, of course, your committee means, since the pres-

ent arrangement is insufficient in every way.

5. Expectations and desires. They desire that we, as an Association, come in for joint ownership and control; that we co-operate by helping to raise money; that we submit what we are willing to do and what we think we ought to do.

6. Possibilities are almost without limit. One hundred new pupils are expected next year. They now have 381 students and have had to turn down some for lack of room. They have a faculty of 15, nine females and six males. They have 1,200 volumes in Library and four live Societies, two for boys and two for girls.

7. Management. The management under the cautious hand of that genuinely blessed and true man, Prof. J. D. Huggins, is seen in the fact that the collections for the first quarter was $9,956.25. This, as you will see, means $40,000.00 during the school year. They paid the running expenses of the School last year. It put $2,600.00 in permanent improvements. The expenses for a single pupil for the year is $188.00.

Your committee would recommend the appointment of a committee, of which neither member of this committee shall be a part, who in the light of these facts brought by this committee and such other facts as they may obtain, shall report with recommendation to this body, the final disposition of this Association, of and with the Boiling Springs proposition.

Respectfully submitted,
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN,
J. W. SUMMEY,
Committee.

On motion all the foregoing reports are adopted.

W. C. Barrett makes report on the work of the Executive Committee:

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Marked success has attended every effort of the Committee, in the first year of its existence, to extend the Kingdom work, for which we are thankful to God. Owing to the fact that the Committee had to organize, gather information and secure men for the work at the different points, which delayed the work some, we feel highly gratified at the results for the year. Work has been carried on at five different points.

1. The Mt. Zion-Shady Grove Field. This field is composed of

Mt. Zion and Shady Grove, in this Association, and Leonard's Fork and Hull's Grove, in South Mountain Association. Brother G. C. Ivey moved on this field the first of February and took charge of the work. The Lord has greatly blessed the work, 33 have been baptized and others added to the churches by letter and restoration. Mt. Zion Church has secured a lot and is planning to build a parsonage. They hope to have it complete by the first of the year.

2. South Gastonia. The church was organized three years ago under the direction of Brother W. A. Hough, who was acting as missionary under the direction and support of the three Baptist churches in Gastonia. They have built a splendid brick church and have bought a parsonage. They have full time preaching, and if no disaster comes to them they will be off the board in a few years and one of our strong churches. They have 232 members and are well organized for the work of a Baptist church. There are eight cotton mills in the territory of this church, with a population of about 4,000. They have received by baptism this year 39 and by letter 39.

3. Calvary. This church was organized in a school house near the C. & N. W. Ry., in what is known as South Gastonia, on March 21, 1920, with 19 members. They have received by baptism 1, by letter 48, by restoration 5, making a total membership of 73. Brother M. L. Barnes was secured by the committee to take charge of this work. It was through his efforts that the organization was effected, and he has since given half of his time as pastor to this point. The collections have amounted to $650.70.

4. Ranlo. This church was organized in 1917 under the pastoral care of Brother G. P. Abernethy with _____ members. When Brother Barnes took charge of this work last Spring the work was somewhat disorganized on account of labor troubles. They hold their services in the school building and the work is steadily growing. They have contributed to all causes this year, $1,212.11. They have received by baptism 12, by letter 51, making a total membership of 83. A few of the brethren bought an acre of ground in Ranlo a few months ago and are holding it for a Baptist church. The treasurer of the Association will make a report as to conditions as regards this lot.

5. Lucia. The Executive Committee held a meeting at Lucia soon after the Association was organized. They found some good Baptists who were anxious to revive the work there. The building was in need of repairs, having no windows or doors, only a

part of the floor was there, with no ceiling or no way of heating, and only a few seats. A committee, in co-operation with the members of the church, asked Brother R. G. Mace to take charge of the work there and have the necessary repairs made. The windows and doors have been put in, floor put down, stove put in and electric lights put in at a cost of $150.00. Eight added by baptism.

The committee would recommend that the work at these points be continued and that other points be investigated. We are glad to note that Brother T. H. King, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist Church, has established a mission point at the Groves mill in East Gastonia, where he will conduct services two Sunday afternoons in each month. We would suggest that other pastors keep a vigilant watchout for points within reach of their fields that need service. If the committee can be of any assistance it will be glad to co-operate with the pastors in starting new work and developing weak points within the bounds of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. BARRETT,
W. J. FRANIS,
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN,
D. F. PUTNAM,
Committee.

The motion to adopt this report is discussed by G. C. Ivery, D. F. Putnam, W. A. Hough, R. G. Mace, Geo. H. Johnson, and is adopted.

G. P. Abernethy reads the report on Biblical Recorder:

## BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of the Baptist State Convention. It is our own Baptist paper and it is for all Baptists, managed and controlled by the Baptist State Convention and edited by one of our most beloved brethren, Dr. Livingston Johnson. Through its columns the brethren give their views on the various problems confronting the denomination and views of interpretation of various passages of Scripture which are always helpful.

The editorials by Dr. Johnson are a great feature and are always read with helpfulness. The pages of news notes and the letters reporting the work from all the churches is a very interesting feature. The page on Current Events, which is the editor's opinion upon the popular questions and subjects of the times is always timely, and in the wind up comes the Spice Box of the latest jokes which always afford a good laugh.

It is in deed and in truth a Baptist paper and the paper for

the Baptists and every one ought to read it.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. ABERNETHY,

For the Committee.

Motion to adopt the report is ably discussed by Dr. Livingston Johnson, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and W. C. Barrett, and is adopted.

The Moderator announces the appointment of the following committee:

Place and Preacher for the next session of the Association—C. Q. Rhyne, J. D. Moore, and A. L. Houser.

Order of Business—Dr. C. Highsmith, W. W. Rimmer, and M. L. Barnes.

Boiling Springs High School—R. F. Craig, A. U. Stroup and T. H. King.

W. L. Walters submits his Treasurer's report:

## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 19, 1920.

Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit to you herewith my report as Treasurer for the Associational year just closed.

### Receipts.

### Minute Fund.

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| Alexis | $ 1.00 |
| Belmont—First | 5.00 |
| Belmont—East | 4.00 |
| Dallas | 3.00 |
| Gastonia—First | 7.50 |
| Gastonia—East | 7.50 |
| Hickory Grove | 2.00 |
| High Shoals | 1.00 |
| Long Creek Memorial | 3.00 |
| Loray | 5.00 |
| Lowell | 2.00 |
| Mayworth | 2.50 |
| McAdenville | 2.00 |
| Mt. Beulah | 4.00 |
| Mt. Holly | 4.00 |

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| Sandy Plains | 2.00 |
| South Gastonia | 2.50 |
| Spencer Mountain | 1.00 |
| Tuckaseege | 1.00 |
| Cherryville | 5.00 |
| Bessemer City | 3.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 2.00 |
| Shady Grove | 1.50 |
| Lucia | .50 |
| Total Minute Fund | $ 71.00 |
| Special collection last session | 56.25 |
| Total receipts | $127.25 |

Disbursements.

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| David P. Dellinger, Clerk | $ 15.00 |
| Brumley-Walters Printing Co., printing minutes | 56.00 |
| R. G. Mace, repairs on Lucia church | 56.25 |
| Total disbursements | $127.25 |

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. WALTERS,
Treasurer.

Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 1, 1919.

Received of W. L. Walters, Treasurer, Gaston County Baptist Association, the sum of fifty-six and 25-100 dollars ($56.25), the amount of special collection taken at the 1919 session of the Gaston County Association for repairs on Baptist Church at Lucia.

R. G. MACE.

Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 10, 1919.

Received of W. L. Walters, Treasurer, fifty-six and no-100 ($56.00) dollars for printing minutes of the Gaston County Baptist Association.

BRUMLEY-WALTERS PRINTING COMPANY.
By F. Brumley.

Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 1, 1919.

Received of W. L. Walters, Treasurer, fifteen and no-100 ($15.00) Dollars, for services as clerk and for mailing minutes of 1919 session of Gaston County Baptist Association.

(Signed) DAVID P. DELLINGER,
Clerk.

## TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Association meets and is called to order by the Moderator. After singing a hymn, and a prayer by C. A. Rhyne, song service in charge of W. W. Rimmer, D. F. Putnam, pastor of the Cherryville Church, preached the annual sermon, using as his text: Matt. 6:19-20. Subject, "Laying Up Treasures in Heaven."

The report on Sunday Schools is discussed by the following: W. W. Rimmer, J. S. Wray, and Dr. J. L. Vipperman, and is adopted.

Adjournment is taken until 9:30 A. M. Wednesday. Benediction by G. P. Abernethy.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment at 9:30. Devotional services led by C. L. Taylor; prayers by J. J. Waldrop and R. G. Mace.

Applications for membership in the Association were received from Calvary, Gastonia, and Hull's Grove Churches. On motion the matter is referred to a committee for investigation and report. Moderator appoints on the committee W. C. Barrett, G. P. Abernethy and Dr. J. L. Vipperman.

Archibald Johnson, M. P. Randall, Maggie Friday and D. C. Abernethy are enrolled as visitors.

D. F. Putnam reads the report on Thomasville Baptist Orphanage:

## THOMASVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Thirty-five years ago, the first child was admitted to the institution; two thousand have since that time been received and blest by its kindly ministry. There are at present five hundred and twenty-seven being cared for, four hundred and forty at Thomasville and eighty-seven at the Kenedy Home. These are grouped into fifteen families or cottages, where they are being well cared for. They receive food and clothing, medical aid, school advantages to the tenth grade, with wholesome moral and religious training. In addition to the above the children are taught to work; the boys work on the farm, shoe shop, printing office, and dairying, while the girls are likewise engaged in the kitchen, dining room, sewing room, and laundry. The work and school hours are divided so that those who go to school in the forenoon work

in the afternoon, and those who work in the forenoon in the afternoon.

There are forty-three women and twelve men who devote their whole time to the institution. Over a half million dollars is shown to be invested in the properties, with no indebtedness at the last annual meeting. The annual cost of support of a child is $197.14. This is a wonderful showing for this time of high cost of living.

The institution is well officered and is doing a wonderful work, but could do a much larger work if it was given more means to supply the equipment needed to admit many others who are asking for its help and care. More applications were received last year than there are children now in the two homes. Sixty-six were received in one month.

We recommend that each Sunday School subscribe for a club of Charity and Children, and take a monthly offering for the support of the current fund, and further, that each church make a Thanksgiving offering on the annual date designated by the Chief Executives of the Nation and State. We would also commend the giving of one day's work or the proceeds or profits of one day's business to the Orphanage on Thanksgiving Day.

D. F. PUTNAM,
For the Committee.

The motion to adopt the report is discussed very ably and interestingly by Dr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, Joe S. Wray, W. C. Barrett, and the report is adopted.

The Moderator announces the following as chairmen to write reports for next year:

Foreign Missions—Dr. J. L. Vipperman.
Home Missions—W. C. Barrett.
State Missions—M. L. Barnes.
Woman's Work—Geo. H. Johnson.
Sunday Schools—M. O. Thornburg.
Biblical Recorder—C. Q. Rhyne.
Education—T. H. King.
Ministerial Relief—T. C. Smith.
Obituaries—C. J. Black.
Temperance—M. A. Stroup.
B. Y. P. U.—R. G. Mace.
Orphanage—J. J. Waldrop.

W. W. Rimmer offers the following for next year's Order of Business:

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### Tuesday Morning.

10:30—Enrollment of Delegates.
11:00—Organization.
11:15—Biblical Recorder.
11:45—Report of Trustees of South Fork Institute.
12:00—Dinner.

### Tuesday Afternoon.

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Reports on the following, viz.: State, Home and Foreign Missions, Education.
1:30—Discussion of Missions.
2:15—Discussion of Education. Report Executive Committee.
7:15—Devotional.
7:30—Sermon.
8:15—Report on Sunday Schools. Discussion of Sunday School.

### Wednesday Morning.

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—Report on Orphanage.
10:30—Temperance.
11:00—Woman's Work.
11:30—Digest of Church letters.
11:45—Miscellaneous.
12:00—Dinner.

### Wednesday Afternoon.

1:00—B. Y. P. U.
1:30—Ministerial Relief.
2:00—Obituaries.
2:15—Report on Boiling Springs.
2:45—Miscellaneous.
3:00—Adjourn.

DR. C. HIGHSMITH,
W. W. RIMMER,
M. L. BARNES.

On motion the committee report is adopted.

C. A. Caldwell reads the following report on Temperance:

## TEMPERANCE

The Temperance question is one of great importance to Gaston County Baptist Association. The State has decreed that spirituous liquor shall not be made, sold, kept or given away in her borders. Much is still made, sold and given away within the borders of the Gaston County Baptist Association. If this is ever stopped five steps must be taken.

1. Public sentiment must become strong enough against it that no decent man will make it keep it, drink it, or give away.

2. Public sentiment become so strong against it that no man can be elected to any office who is in sympathy with the liquor business.

3. Public sentiment become strong enough that no man be drawn for the jury who is in sympathy with the liquor business.

4. That we create public sentiment strong enough that no lawyer can defend a liquor client in court without feeling embarrassed.

5. That the pardoning of liquor criminals be taken out of the hands of the Governor and placed in the hands of a pardoning board.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. CALDWELL,
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt, the question is discussed by C. A. Caldwell, W. C. Barrett, and G. P. Abernethy, and the report is adopted.

W. C. Barrett makes the following report from the Committee on Constitution and Rules of Order:

(Constitution is printed on second page of cover.)

The report is adopted.

Dr. J. L. Vipperman presents the following extended report on Education:

## EDUCATION

The question of Education brings at once before us the problem of our schools and colleges. The problem before our denomi-

national school today is, not primarily, to show that the orange has more in it, but to show that the extract has a superior flavor over that of all other oranges. It is not to prove merely that it can make good; but that it can make better the day of labels has passed. To say a school is Baptist is not sufficient. Before a denominational school has a right to claim patronage it should make clear that it furnishes some essentials which other schools do not offer. Hacing done this, it should have the main track. The Christian College occupies a more important place today than ever before because the necessity for moral government increases with the extension of our educational system. The mind is a splendid servant, but is not worthy to be the master of the man; the heart, and not the head, must occupy the throne, if the life is to be what it ought to be.

A rudder built for a fishing boat is impotent to guide a modern merchant ship, so a heart development which might safely guide an undeveloped mind is impotent to direct the highly trained intellect.

The necessity, therefore, for a deeper, larger spiritual life is the imperative need of today, and the need cannot be fully supplied by schools and colleges from which religious training is excluded, for morals rests upon religion—not upon a creed, but upon man's responsibility to God. President Butler of Columbia University, New York, said: "We go back to religion for the foundation of all true and real education."

It is, therefore, the profound conviction of your committee that any teacher in our denominational schools whose intellectuality transcends their spirituality is a liability and not an asset to the denomination.

It is refreshing to note the harmony and co-operation between the State schools and the denominational institutions that now obtains in our State. There is need for both in the economy of our educational system.

It has sometimes been objected that the denominational curriculum is too low. That may have been true in the past, but it is not today. This is seen by a comparison of catalogues, the work done by graduates of these schools in the professions, and by the records made by the students of our denominational schools where they enter the great universities of our country.

They say denominational schools breed and foster narrowness. Is this true? It is dangerous to be broad-minded without being deep-minded. To illustrate: Is it sane philosophy to teach that differing views are the same?

Is it ethical to make light of the man who claims that things

which contradict each other are different? Is not this placing error upon the same basis or plane with trust? The purpose of a school should be to impart truth. But if the student is led to believe that contradictory statements concerning Christ, the Bible, and the Church are of equal value, that school misses its purpose. To become broad would sometimes mean to become untruthful and to leave out the author of trust is a dangerous procedure indeed.

The relative value of education needs to sweep into review with thrilling emphasis.

Luke 23:38, the superscription in Greek, Latin and Hebrew would teach us that the embodiment of all culture, power and spirituality is found in the Greater Sufferer on Calvary.

What is the providential meaning of this over-towering, overmastering Greek culture or intellectualism in relation to God's redemptive plans? Was Greek culture an accident? This is unthinkable. It is clear that the Greek is God's demonstration on the blackboard of history that culture can never save an individual or a nation. The Greeks in the time of Peides were the best educated people of whom history has any record. Greece died of moral debility.

Rome is God's second blackboard saying to all succeeding nations, Law can never save an individual or nation. Rome rotted—notwithstanding it required her 1,200 years to be born and 300 years in which to die. But as we are indebted to the Greeks for our culture, Rome for our law, so we are indebted to the Jew for the worship of the one true God. But, alas, in that 400 years of inter-Biblical history the religion of the prophets degenerated into the religion of the Pharisee. The Pharisee was not an accident, just as the Greeks and Romans were not mere evolutionary happenings.

The Pharisee was God's third blackboard illustration, saying to all time, more butter religiousness (scrupulius ceremonialism) can never save a soul or a people.

If we combine the three and sanctify them, not in word, nor in tongue (1 John 3-18) but in deed and in truth with the name of Christ, then is the salvation of the human race an assured fact. My brethren, in proportion as we keep these three facts or forces in their true and intended balance, our individual and racal life normal and healthy, then will we reach our highest standard of moral and spiritual excellence. Over emphasize religion, and you produce a race of fanatics, over emphasize education, and you produce a race of rationalists; over emphasize law and tyranny will come into the State. But, when religion is enlighted by edu-

cation, and education is glorified and exalted by religion, and both are fostered under the sanction of law, then and not until then can we approximate our rightful responsibility in the educational world. Education does not mean merely the acquirement of technical knowledge in schools and colleges. Whoever comes in to mould the mind and shape and give true ideals to a people is an educational force. It is a dictum, both of secular philosophy and the Bible, that, as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he (Prov. 23:7). Our being is but a reflex of our thinking. Right living apart from right thinking is a thing impossible to the last degree.

Education may be conceived in either of two days:

1. A training of the powers, and secondly, as an importation of knowledge. Under the first understanding of education a child is a bundle of possibilities. The training of the powers which leaves out of view the religious training or estimate of the child is wholly inadequate to the child's need. Again, if you think of education as an importation of knowledge, it has to be said that there are only three realms of knowledge: Knowledge of the world outside of us, knowledge of the world inside of us, and knowledge of the world behind us; or to put it differently, the physical universe, psychology, and history. An attempt to impart a knowledge of the physical creation apart from Christ and Creator, ends in hopeless confusion. History is only adequately treated as His story. How can a man teach history, if he ignores the person of Him who lifted the empires off their hinges and changed the course of history for all time. In psychology we have the account of the soul. The physical universe is the sphere of the revelation of God's power; history, the sphere of the unfolding of His Providence; and psychology is the sphere of His redeeming grace—these three reams of knowledge cannot be imparted in any full or adequate way apart from Christ. For one to be fluent in Shakespeare while embarrassingly ignorant on the Songs of Solomon, which is Heaven's Greatest Drama, is a reflection upon both their spirituality and intellectuality, for no one can be profoundly and symmetrically educated while ignorant of the greatest of all "Books"—God's Holy Bible.

Respectfully submitted,
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

The report is unanimously adopted.

Dr. J. L. Vipperman reads the following report on the Calling Out of the Called:

THE CALLING OUT OF THE CALLED

In correspondence with the pastors within the bounds of this Association, I find that during the year eight people have been called to ministerial and Gospel work. All are in school, through school or intend going at once, from the following places: Dallas, 2; Belmont, 1; Gastonia, 1; Cherryville, 1; Mt. Zion, 1; Mt. Holly, 1; Hickory Grove, 1.

Respectfully submitted,
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

Report is ordered printed in the minutes.

Motion is made by W. C. Barrett and passed authorizing the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate and report the manner or plans necessary to raise sufficient funds for printing and distributing the minutes. Committee is J. S. Wray, W. J. Clifford and C. J. Black.

Adjournment is taken at 12:15 until 1:15. Benediction by G. P. Abernethy.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. Song, "Jesus Included Me," and prayer by M. L. Barnes.

W. C. Barrett for the committee concerning the reception of Calvary and Hulls' Grove Churches reports and recommends that both churches be received. Report is adopted, the churches are received and the Moderator extends the hand of welcome to the messengers.

Committee on providing funds for preparing, printing and distributing the minutes and other necessary printed matter for the association reports through C. J. Black and recommends that each church send to W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C., Treasurer of the Association, an amount equal to 4 cents for each church member, they finding that amount necessary to meet such expenses including cost of distribution of the minutes and $25.00 to the Clerk.

On motion the report is adopted.

T. H. King reads the report on B. Y. P. U.:

## B. Y. P. U.

There is no longer any question as to the place of the B. Y. P. U. in our denominational life. Most of the best churches in the towns and cities, and many of the best churches in the country, have them. In many churches, the B. Y. P. U. is the most flourishing and promising organization in the church.

There are many commendable features of the B. Y. P. U. One is that it organizes and brings into active church life our Baptist young people at a very critical time in their religious life. In later adolescence, many church members are lost to any active church work. The disposition at that age to organize and run together makes the B. Y. P. U., or some such organization, a necessity.

Another commendable feature of the B. Y. P. U. is the daily Bible readings, and the quiz at each weekly meeting. This has been the most successful means we have yet found to get any large number of young people to read the Bible daily. Pastors and others have found it very helpful to keep up these daily readings.

Still another very important feature of the B. Y. P. U. is the weekly lessons. They are well edited, interesting and very helpful. Many consider them worth more to those who follow them than the Sunday School lessons. They are so arranged that we have each a doctrinal lesson, a devotional study, a Bible study lesson and a missionary lesson; while the months that have five Sundays give opportunity for special lessons, viz., we had a fine special lesson last Sunday on Winning the Lost. The lesson scheme is magnificent.

Not least of all the important features of the B. Y. P. U. is the fact that almost every member takes some active part in the meetings from time to time. Thus it is a training school. We learn to do things by doing them. Here we practice doing things in public. Here boys and girls offer prayers, read the Scriptures publicly preside over meetings, conduct Bible quizes, make talks, etc., all of which will be of inestimable value to the Kingdom service through all the years.

We heartily endorse the B. Y. P. U. and commend it to all the churches of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. KING, Committee.

Motion to adopt is discussed by T. H. King and W. J. Francis,

and is adopted.

On the suggestion of D. F. Putnam the following committee is appointed to draft suitable resolution against certain social evils in connection with fairs, etc.: T. C. Smith, J. S. Wray and D. F. Putnam.

C. Q. Rhyne reads the following report on Ministerial Relief:

## MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Your Committee on Ministerial Relief beg to submit the following:

We believe that the minister who has come to his day of retirement or who for any reason has become disabled is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer, and financial support. The same thing is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause, in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this State, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate other Christian and worldly institutions, but we should furnish these old heroes of our faith the support they so richly deserve.

The convention board, located in Dallas, Texas, known as the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has taken over the work formerly done in our State. The beneficiaries of the State have been receiving their checks with perfect regularity at a sum considerably in advance of what they were receiving when the Convention Board took them over. But this doesn't say that they are being well cared for, because they are only receiving from $9.24 to $50.00 per month. It seems that we have forgotten 1 Cor. 9:14, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

C. Q. RHYNE,
For the Committee.

The motion to adopt is strongly discussed by C. Q. Rhyne, W. C. Barrett and C. A. Caldwell and is adopted.

D. P. Dellinger reads for R. G. Mace the report on Woman's Work:

## WOMAN'S WORK.

In 1889, at Memphis, Tenn., the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention reported cash contributions to the total amount of $30,773.69. In 1920, at Washington, they reported cash contributions to the total amount of $1,324,734.60—thus multiplying their contribution by more than 264 in thirty-two years.

In 1886, when the Baptist State Convention met in Wilmington, N. C., it received its first report from the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, showing cash contributions to the amount of $1,000.00. In 1919, the women reported to the Convention in Raleigh, total contributions to the amount of $98,310.60.

Phenomenal indeed has been the growth of the Union as it has gone steadily forward adding impetus to every phase of our denominational activity. Like Ezekiel's vision stream, it has grown from a trickling streamlet to a fathomless river.

We rejoice in the noble way in which the women are finding their place in God's plan and the splendid manner in which they are filling that place.

At their recent meeting in Washington, they declared as their motto That in all things He might have the pre-eminence."—Col. 1:18; adopted as their hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun;" and announced as their chief aims: Individual and united prayer, soul winning, regular Bible and mission study, systematic and proportionate giving, organized personal service and development of the young people.

In our Association the work is progressing splendidly under the very efficient superintendency of Mrs. H. B. Moore. There are 35 societies in the Association, 14 of which are W. M. Us., 11 are Y. W. As., 10 are Sunbeams.

The annual meeting was held with the Mt. Holly Church on Tuesday, Oct. 9, with a record attendance and meaningful enthusiasm.

The contributions from the societies of the Association totalled the past year $9,921.25.

We recommend that our pastors give this work their hearty support and encouragement and that all our women and young people be urged to find a place in some department of the Wo-

man's Work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. MACE,
For the Committee.

Motion to adopt the report is discussed by Mrs. H. B. Moore and is adopted.

C. Q. Rhyne makes the following report for the Committee on Place and Preacher:

PLACE AND PREACHER

We, the Committee on Place and Preacher for the next session of the Gaston County Association, beg to submit the following:

Place—Cherryville.

Preacher—T. H. King, of East Gastonia. Alternate—G. H. Johnson, of First Church, Belmont.

C. Q. RHYNE, Chairman,
A. L. HOUSER,
J. D. MOORE.

Report is unanimously adopted.

T. C. Smith reports for the committee appointed at last session of the Association on the matter of encouraging churches to make pledges and put in the church budget the item of paying the expenses of the pastors to the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, that the following churches have responded and taken favorable action in the matter: Shady Grove, Loray, Lowell, Gastonia First, South Gastonia, High Shoals, Dallas, Long Creek, Mt. Beulah, Bessemer City, McAdenville, Belmont First, Ranlo, Calvary, Sandy Plains, Bruington, Mt. Zion, Mayworth, East Belmont, Cherrville.

The report is accepted and the committee is continued another year.

J. S. Wray reports for the committee the following resolution against social evils and fair conditions:

SOCIAL EVILS AND FAIR CONDITIONS

Whereas, there is a great wave of worldliness and reckless lawlessness sweeping over the world, our own community not excepted, and, whereas, public opinion must be created, stimulated, and crystalized to counteract these influences, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we commend our officers for what they have done in

law enforcement and urge that they redouble their efforts, that we pledge them our hearty support and co-operation.

2. That we urge the pastors to preach on Christian officers and law enforcement, that the Christian people organize, have meetings to create sentiment in favor of Christian officers and law enforcement.

3. That we urge the Secretary of the Gaston County Fair Association and the Fair Directors to have a board of censors to pass on the fair attractions before they are allowed to open for business in the Fair.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our county papers with a request that they be published.

(Signed)

JOE S. WRAY,
T. C. SMITH,
D. F. PUTNAM.

On motion the resolutions are adopted and are to be furnished the local officers, officers of the Gaston County Fair, the newspapers and others for publication.

M. L. Barnes read the following report on Bible School and Seminary:

## BIBLE SCHOOL AND SEMINARY

In view of the fact that Gaston County Baptist Association has in its midst a man in the person of Dr. J. L. Vipperman, who feels called of the Lord to establish a Bible School, and in view of the fact we realize and appreciate his soundness in the fundadamental principles of a new Testament Church, and further recognize that in every worthy way he is eminently qualified and preeminently successful in lecturing, Bible Conferences, Institute work and leadership.

Be it resolved:

1. That we express to Dr. Vipperman our thanks and appreciation for his work in lecturing, Bible Conferences, Institutes and instructive sermons on Baptist faith and doctrines in the past.

2. That since he purposes the establishment of a school at the very earliest possible date, and we assure our hearty sympathy

and our prayers in his great undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. BARNES,
W. C. BARRETT,
G. P. ABERNETHY,
W. W. RIMMER,
J. J. WALDROP.
For Committee.

Motion to adopt is discussed by Dr. J. L. Vipperman, who gave in a wonderfully interesting manner some of his plans and visions and impressions about the matter, and somewhat of the unusual amount of detailed work already fully prepared for the courses. The motion is adopted endorsing his plans.

The Moderator appoints as delegates to the State Convention: David P. Dellinger, M. L. Barnes and J. S. Wray.
Southern Baptist Convention: Dr. J. L. Vipperman.
Member State Mission Board: Dr. W. C. Barrett.

The matter of an Associational or Church paper is merely considered and referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The special report concerning the Ranlo Church lot is again taken up, and referred to the following committee with power to take action: J. S. Wray, C. Q. Rhyne, M. L. Barnes, C. J. Black and W. J. Clifford.

Dr. J. L. Vipperman reports for the committee and recommends the election of the following Executive Committee: W. C. Barrett, T. H. King, R. G. Mace, W. W. Rimmer, F. M. Pasour, Prof. F. L. Smith, D. F. Putnam and Dr. J. L. Vipperman. Report is adopted.

T. H. King offers the following report of the Boiling Springs High School:

## BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Your committee recommends that this Association adopt the Boiling Springs High School. By this is meant that we give our full co-operation, moral support and urge our people from this Association to go to this School, and should an emergency arise, by an agreement with the Boiling Springs School, and any of our Churches, we should be glad to have our Churches give such financial aid as they may be able to render, but ask for further time for the exact specification of the exact amount which we

shall assume one year hence. We recommend the appointment of a committee of three who shall give definite recommendation at the next meeting of our Association.

T. H. KING,
For Committee.

On motion the report is adopted.

G. P. Abernethy and J. S. Wray make the following reports under the head:

## OBITUARIES

### W. W. Rankin.

On Sept. 27 the soul of the beloved brother, W. W. Rankin, took its flight to the Glory World. He was probably the oldest deacon in Gaston County, having been in active service about fifty years. He was for many years the leading spirit of Hickory Grove Church. He has served effectively and efficiently as Church Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent and in various other ways.

G. P. ABERNETHY,
For the Committee.

### H. B. Moore.

Since our last meeting we have lost our Moderator. We have lost more in his going; for he was one of the best friends of the cause in the county. He was one of the most exemplary men among us. He was one of the best friends of the poor. He was one to whom we could point as an example in all phases of private and public life.

The Baptist Denomination and our Association will be aware of a great loss almost up to the same limit as the family and the Church of which he was a member. No one of us can see how God could afford to take him from us in our great need. But we know that He doeth all things well and we know that our beloved brother would have it according to the will of the Father in Heaven.

He has left us a great example and at the same time a great task.

Let us try to imitate his example in the family, in the Church, in the Association, and in the Denomination.

The great task is to supply to the Association the devotion, the loyalty, the consecration, and the love that it lost in his death. Then there is the material support to be furnished and the impetus to be furnished to the spirit of giving. It is going to take

every one of us doing a little more than his part to be worthy of our fallen leader.

The prayer of your committee is that God may make us all more like our deceased brother, that we may be the more like the Master; that the Association may always try to be worthy of the ideal and standard that he had set for it in the work of the Kingdom.

J. S. WRAY,
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt reports are discussed by W. C. Barrett, Dr. J. L. Vipperman and W. J. Francis, and the reports are adopted.

T. H. King offered the following:

Resolved, That a rising vote of thanks is hereby extended to the Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church and pastor for their very cordial and hospitable entertainment of this session of the Association.

On motion the Association adjourns at 4:15. Benediction by C. Q. Rhyne.

DAVID P. DELLINGER,
Clerk.

W. J. FRANCIS,
Moderator.

# ADDENDA

Long Creek Memorial Baptist Church is evidently the finest and most commodious country church building in the State. It is vastly more than a Memorial to the band of pioneer Baptists who wrought in the community since the organization of the church in 1772. It is a fitting and lasting monument to the living, Christian spirit of the present membership and its great leader, Dr. J. L. Vipperman, by and through whose efforts, prayers, gifts and sacrifies it is built. And more, it is an inspiration to all people who may chance to pass that way. Blessings upon this people.

The Bible School and Seminary to be built near the church, embodying the wonderful vision of Dr. Vipperman, and upon the details of which he has spent a large part of his life's work, now seems to be assured. The Association endorses his plans and pledges its moral support to the undertaking. When his prayers and visions are a reality there will be located within the bounds of the Association one of the greatest institutions in the world. There is no other like it. All are interested because they believe in the man. Dr. Vipperman promises something tangible within a few months.

The Business and Dispatch of this session handled by Moderator Francis has surpassed any we have seen anywhere. No delay, no friction anywhere. Harmony and deep spiritual interest everywhere.

The Association Year closes with the last Sunday in September. It is to be hoped all pastors, church officers and members will be governed accordingly in closing their records.

IMPORTANT

All church clerks are requested to mail church letters to the clerk of the Association at least 10 days before the meeting of the Association for making up the Digest of Church Letters. Resolution, Nov. 4, 1919.

CLERK.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

| | NAMES OF CHURCHES | GAIN | | | LOSS | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Baptism | Letter | Restoration | By Letter | Exclusion | Death | Males | Females | Membership |
| 1 | Alexis | 3 | 10 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 58 | 75 | 133 |
| 2 | Belmont First | 11 | 26 | --- | 14 | --- | 2 | 112 | 140 | 252 |
| 3 | Bessemer City | 20 | 46 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 119 | 201 | 320 |
| 4. | Bruington | 9 | 20 | --- | 8 | 2 | 1 | 63 | 90 | 153 |
| 5 | Cherryville | 14 | 21 | 2 | 21 | 1 | --- | 136 | 220 | 356 |
| 6 | Dallas | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | --- | 2 | 80 | 87 | 167 |
| 7 | East Belmont | 39 | 43 | --- | 22 | 3 | 1 | 125 | 221 | 346 |
| 8 | East Gastonia | 29 | 47 | --- | 58 | --- | 2 | 185 | 283 | 468 |
| 9 | First Gastonia | 47 | 73 | 1 | 36 | --- | 2 | 241 | 348 | 589 |
| 10 | Hickory Grove | 7 | 9 | --- | 17 | 1 | 2 | 73 | 75 | 148 |
| 11 | High Shoals | 23 | 12 | --- | 15 | --- | --- | 30 | 62 | 92 |
| 12 | Long Creek Memorial | 5 | 16 | 1 | 13 | 1 | --- | 102 | 156 | 258 |
| 13. | Lucia | 8 | --- | --- | 7 | --- | --- | 19 | 25 | 44 |
| 14 | Loray | 8 | 18 | --- | 68 | 113 | 2 | 144 | 265 | 409 |
| 15 | Lowell | 64 | 25 | 4 | 9 | --- | 3 | 91 | 136 | 227 |
| 16 | Mayworth | 7 | 8 | --- | 21 | 2 | --- | 36 | 70 | 106 |
| 17 | McAdenville | 38 | 26 | 13 | 21 | 22 | 3 | 119 | 167 | 286 |
| 18 | Mount Beulah | 15 | 4 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 52 | 50 | 102 |
| 19 | Mount Holly | 1 | 26 | 3 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 116 | 173 | 289 |
| 20 | Mount Zion | 9 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 77 | 79 | 156 |
| 21 | Ranlo | 12 | 45 | --- | 5 | --- | --- | 29 | 54 | 83 |
| 22 | Sandy Plains | 25 | 2 | 1 | 9 | --- | 1 | 86 | 98 | 184 |
| 23 | Shady Grove | 3 | 2 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 76 | 70 | 146 |
| 24 | South Gastonia | 39 | 39 | --- | 26 | 1 | 2 | 88 | 144 | 232 |
| 25 | Spencer Mountain | 3 | --- | --- | 6 | --- | --- | 18 | 43 | 61 |
| 26 | Tuckaseege | 4 | 21 | --- | 7 | --- | 3 | 33 | 47 | 80 |
| 27 | Calvary, Gastonia | 1 | 48 | 5 | ? | --- | --- | 38 | 32 | 70 |
| 28 | Hull's Grove | 13 | 2 | 2 | --- | --- | 1 | 36 | 80 | 116 |
| | Totals | 459 | 596 | 40 | 436 | 149 | 34 | 2382 | 3491 | 5873 |

## CHURCHES, WHEN ORGANIZED, PASTORS, TIME OF PREACHING, CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES

| | CHURCHES | When Organized | PASTOR | Time of Preaching | CLERKS AND P. O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alexis | 1903 | A. W. Setzer, Maiden, N. C. | 1 | S. M. Stroup, Alexis, N. C. |
| 2 | Belmont First | 1874 | Geo. H. Johnson, Belmont | * | W. H. Stowe, Belmont |
| 3 | Bessemer City | | C. A. Rhyne, Bessemer City | * | J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City |
| 4 | Bruington | 1853 | W. W. Rimmer, Lincolnton | 1-3 | J. O Smith, Stanley |
| 5 | Cherryville | 1893 | D. F Putnam. Cherryville | * | D. P. Dellinger, Cherryville |
| 6 | Dallas | 1877 | J. L. Vipporman, Dallas | 2 4 | J. R. Lewis, Dallas |
| 7 | East Belmont | 1912 | R. G. Mace, Belmont | * | W. L. Chapman, Belmont |
| 8 | East Gastonia | 1901 | T. H. King, Gastonia | * | D. M. Robinson, Gastonia |
| 9 | First Gastonia | 1884 | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia | * | C. M. Moore, Gastonia |
| 10 | Hickory Grove | 1913 | W. B. McClure, Alexis | 2-4 | J Lee Abernethy, Lowell |
| 11 | High Shoals | 1902 | J. J Waldrop, Henry | 1-3 | A. S Kendrick, High Shoals |
| 12 | Long Creek Memorial | 1772 | J L. Vipperman, Dallas | 1-3 | A. R. Holland, Dallas |
| 13 | Lucia | | R. G. Mace, Belmont | 3 | U. B. McIntosh, Mt. Holly |
| 14 | Loray | 1905 | G. P. Abernethy, Gastonia | * | J. Mack Jenkins, Gastonia |
| 15 | Lowell | 1892 | C. Q. Rhyne, Gastonia | 1-2-3 | Jake Hendrix, Lowell |
| 16 | Mayworth | 1911 | C. L. Taylor, Mayworth | 1-2-3 | A. W. Young, Mayworth |
| 17 | McAdenville | 1887 | C. A Caldwell, McAdenville | * | H. B. Walters, McAdenville |
| 18 | Mount Beulah | 1916 | J. L. Vipperman, Dallas | 1-3 | J. A Ramsey, Bessemer City |
| 19 | Mount Holly | 1890 | Chas. A. G. Thomas, Mt. Holly | * | Miss Osie Skidmore, Mt. Holly |
| 20 | Mount Zion | | G. C. Ivery, Cherryville | 2 | D. H. Dellinger, Cherryville |
| 21 | Ranlo | 1917 | M. L. Barnes, Gastonia | * | O. G. Payseur, Gastonia |
| 22 | Sandy Plains | 1863 | W. A Hough, Gastonia | 2-4 | N. A Jenkins, Gastonia |
| 23 | Shady Grove | | G. C. Ivery, Cherryville | 1 | D. R. Stroup, Cherryville |
| 24 | South Gastonia | 1917 | W. A. Hough, Gastonia | * | G. L. Redding, Gastonia |
| 25 | Spencer Mountain | 1909 | C. Q Rhyne, Gastonia | 4 | J L. Cloninger, Lowell |
| 26 | Tuckaseege | 1911 | None reported | 1-3 | J. D. Smith, Mt. Holly |
| 27 | Calvary, Gastonia | 1919 | M. L. Barnes, Gastonia | * | W. A. Marley, Gastonia |
| 28 | Hull's Grove | | G. C. Ivery, Cherryville | 3 | D. A. Hull, Henry, R. 1 |

* Every Sunday.

| | CHURCHES | SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O. | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Total Enrollment | Church Members in S. S. | Months Kept Open | Baptisms from S. S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alexis | S. M. Stroup, Alexis | 14 | 165 | 179 | 60 | 12 | ---- |
| 2 | Belmont First | L. F. Crenshaw, Belmont | 14 | 287 | 301 | 187 | 12 | 11 |
| 3 | Bessemer City | A. H. Mitchem, Bessemer City | 16 | 296 | 312 | 150 | 12 | 19 |
| 4 | Bruington | J. O. Smith, Stanley | 10 | 120 | 130 | ---- | 12 | 8 |
| 5 | Cherryville | J T. Allen, Cherryville | 9 | 258 | 267 | 155 | 12 | 13 |
| 6 | Dallas | R. S. Lewis, Dallas | 9 | 140 | 149 | 90 | 12 | 2 |
| 7 | East Belmont | W. L. Chapman, Belmont | 20 | 379 | 399 | 129 | 12 | 39 |
| 8 | East Gastonia | C. B. Newton, Gastonia | 17 | 350 | 367 | 220 | 12 | ---- |
| 9 | First Gastonia | W. J. Clifford, Gastonia | 19 | 423 | 442 | ---- | 12 | ---- |
| 10 | Hickory Grove (2) | T. A. Lineberger and L M. Flowers, Lowell | 14 | 153 | 167 | 54 | 12 | 6 |
| 11 | High Shoals | J. W. Wright, High Shoals | 8 | 140 | 148 | ---- | 12 | 16 |
| 12 | Long Creek Memorial | F. M. Pasour, Dallas | 11 | 200 | 211 | 75 | 12 | 4 |
| 13 | Lucia | B L. Miller, Davidson | 6 | 20 | 26 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| 14 | Loray | W. Lee Smith, Gastonia | 14 | 295 | 309 | 175 | 12 | 7 |
| 15 | Lowell | Jake Hendrix, Lowell | 11 | 200 | 211 | ---- | 12 | ---- |
| 16 | Mayworth | Walter Bush, Mayworth | 14 | 287 | 301 | 60 | 12 | 2 |
| 17 | McAdenville | J. C. Pence, McAdenville | 12 | 348 | 360 | ---- | 12 | ---- |
| 18 | Mount Beulah | E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City | 5 | 90 | 95 | 50 | 12 | 8 |
| 19 | Mount Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly | 12 | 140 | 152 | ---- | 12 | 1 |
| 20 | Mount Zion | D. H. Dellinger, Cherryville | 8 | 102 | 110 | 53 | 12 | 4 |
| 21 | Ranlo | Member Union School | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| 22 | Sandy Plains | J. C. Mellon, Lowell | 9 | 125 | 134 | 75 | 12 | 20 |
| 23 | Shady Grove | T L. Mauney, Cherryville | 3 | 40 | 43 | 30 | 9 | 3 |
| 24 | South Gastonia | L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia | 10 | 191 | 201 | 100 | 12 | 31 |
| 25 | Spencer Mountain | W. L. Abernethy, Lowell | 8 | 125 | 133 | 40 | 12 | 2 |
| 26 | Tuckaseege | C. H. Mullis, Mt. Holly | 8 | 91 | 99 | 40 | 12 | 4 |
| 27 | Calvary, Gastonia | Member Union School | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| 28 | Hull's Grove | S. H. Upton, No. 3, Henry | 7 | 130 | 137 | ---- | 12 | 13 |
| | | Totals | 288 | 5095 | 5383 | 1749 | | 221 |

# FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCH | LOCAL | | | | | | | | DENOMINATIONAL | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pastor's Salary | Other Salaries | Ministerial Help | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expenses | Local Poor | Minute Fund, etc., 1924 | Other Objects | Home Total | 75-Million (Undesignated) | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | State and Associational Missions | Christian Education | Orphanage | Hospitals | Ministerial Relief | Other Benevolences | Denominational Total | GRAND TOTAL |
| Alexis | 400.00 | | 13.00 | 800 00 | 67.20 | 65.34 | | 5.50 | | 1,367.04 | 595.98 | | | | | 74.76 | | | | 670.74 | 2,037.78 |
| Belmont, East | 2,600.00 | | 154.08 | | 449.72 | 372 15 | 80.50 | 2.50 | | 3,669 70 | 1,419.34 | 22.11 | 11.64 | 6.00 | | 248.57 | 5.00 | | 44 40 | 1,752.06 | 5,421.76 |
| Belmont First | 2,000.00 | | 998.18 | 1,273.04 | 416.13 | 386.40 | | 8.00 | | 5,073.75 | 2,508.04 | | | | | | | | | 2,508.04 | 7,581.79 |
| Bessemer City | 2,000 00 | | 720.00 | 4,643.09 | 455.82 | 185.00 | | 5.00 | | 7 403.91 | 464 72 | | | | | 30.74 | | | | 495.46 | 7,899.37 |
| Brington | 1,000.00 | | 101.72 | 5,500.00 | 51.00 | 82.50 | | 4.00 | | 6,802 72 | 183.32 | | 25.30 | 22.00 | 124 50 | 96.77 | 55.00 | | 5.00 | 511.89 | 7,314.61 |
| Center View | 780.00 | | 66.39 | 2,502.87 | 231.67 | 165.77 | 22.20 | 1.75 | | 3,804 70 | 123.27 | | 50.74 | | | 128.96 | | | | 302.97 | 4,106.67 |
| Cherryville | 2,600 00 | | 213.00 | 5,740.52 | 201.51 | 528.28 | 51.25 | 14.01 | | 8 813.22 | 370.20 | 75.00 | 35.25 | 43.55 | 67.25 | 250.96 | | | | 842.43 | 9,655.43 |
| Cramerton | 1,873.00 | | 185.00 | | 144.35 | 419 61 | 25.00 | 10.26 | 58.62 | 2,715.47 | 726.16 | | | | | 55.00 | | | 2 00 | 783 16 | 3,498.63 |
| Dallas | 2,000.00 | | | 1,162.02 | 322.11 | 192.90 | | 4.25 | | 2,934.72 | 528.56 | | | 22.35 | | 170.29 | 20.66 | | | 736.86 | 3,670.58 |
| Flint Groves | 650.00 | | 40.00 | 811.25 | 99.93 | 388.56 | 30.00 | 5.00 | 227.09 | 2,251.83 | 76 10 | | | | 58 73 | | | | | 134.83 | 2,386.66 |
| Calvary, Gastonia | 1,800.00 | | 1.10 | 2,894.60 | 367.65 | 86.52 | 62.00 | | 251.00 | 5 576.77 | 100.00 | 39.50 | 39.50 | 14.00 | | 7.00 | | | | 200 00 | 5,776.77 |
| East Gastonia | 2,770.00 | 512 60 | 240.08 | 357.00 | 371 06 | 528.32 | 46.25 | | 618.50 | 5,459.10 | 87.19 | 10.55 | 18 51 | 16.95 | | 641 31 | | 11.10 | 16 07 | 803.68 | 6,262.78 |
| First Gastonia | 3,600.00 | 3,174.29 | 102.07 | 39,022 59 | 4 541.64 | 1,839.41 | 24.75 | | 1,436.87 | 53,741 62 | 9,382.10 | | | 13.71 | | 738.06 | | | 154 86 | 10,289 73 | 64,031.35 |
| Loray, Gastonia | 4,100 00 | 1,468 00 | 219.33 | 1,700.39 | 3,637.10 | 581 00 | 296.75 | 10 00 | 854.14 | 12 866.71 | 935.52 | | | 43.00 | 431.31 | 417.00 | | | | 1,829 83 | 14,696.54 |
| So. Marietta, Gastonia | 1,560.00 | | 65.00 | 2,096.47 | 293.52 | 380.81 | 70.25 | | 319.33 | 4,794.38 | | | | | | 135 85 | | | | 135 85 | 4,930.23 |
| Hardin | 400 00 | 24.00 | 35.00 | | 48.00 | 84.00 | 41.00 | | | 693.64 | | | | | | | | | | | 693.64 |
| Hickory Grove | 335 00 | | 103 33 | 262.28 | 60.75 | 284.79 | | 6.25 | | 1,050.80 | 81.65 | | | | | | | | | 81.65 | 1,132.45 |
| High Shoals | 400.00 | | 50.00 | 2.00 | 30.00 | 72.00 | | | | 561.00 | 142.06 | 12.00 | 8.00 | 27.60 | | 31 56 | 6.06 | | | 227 28 | 788.28 |
| Hull's Grove | 380 00 | | | | 35.00 | | | 3.65 | 15.00 | 353.00 | 244 45 | 7.00 | 1.00 | 30.00 | | 8.00 | 3 65 | | | 299.10 | 652.10 |
| Long Creek Memorial | 975 00 | | 195.00 | 2,101.24 | 227.14 | 120.90 | | 7.50 | 124.50 | 3,751.33 | 125.00 | | | 42 57 | | 24.00 | 12.00 | | | 199.55 | 3,950 88 |
| Lowell | 1,700.00 | 109.68 | | 726.44 | 64.42 | 54 56 | 55.00 | 5.75 | 25.00 | 2,738.10 | 445.83 | | | | | 25 00 | | | | 470 83 | 3,205.93 |
| Luray | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McAdenville | 1,920 00 | 152.89 | | 343 13 | 48.00 | 222.19 | 36.46 | 10.36 | 403.74 | 3,136.73 | 1,906.69 | | | | | | | | | 1,906.69 | 5,043.42 |
| Mount Beulah | 400.00 | | 52.36 | 10 00 | 24.00 | 50.25 | | 4.32 | 6.80 | 546.91 | 185.52 | | | | | 87 49 | 5.80 | | 23.18 | 301.99 | 848.90 |
| Mount Holly | 2 555.00 | 540.00 | | 13,086.80 | 373.46 | | 10.50 | 8.00 | 77.33 | 16,655.09 | 243.16 | | | | | 212.41 | | | | 455 60 | 17,110.69 |
| West Mount Holly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Zion | 400.00 | | 68.60 | 225.00 | 13.00 | 82.10 | | 5.00 | | 788.70 | 24.30 | | | | | 29.00 | | | | 53.30 | 842.00 |
| Ranlo | 781.00 | | 123.63 | 2,382.01 | 200.99 | 514 22 | 20.00 | | 33.90 | 4,080 88 | 135.23 | | | | | 50 00 | 20 00 | | | 205.23 | 4,286.11 |
| Sandy Plains | 400.00 | | 63.00 | 85.00 | 40.00 | 97.59 | 8.20 | 3.50 | | 693.79 | 80 00 | | | | 153.00 | 95 00 | 16.00 | | | 344 00 | 1,037.79 |
| Shady Grove | 225 00 | | 50.00 | 40 00 | | | | 4 00 | | 315.00 | 254 00 | | | | | 77.05 | | | | 331 65 | 646.65 |
| Spencer Mountain | 500 00 | 36.00 | 42.58 | | 236.00 | 195.33 | 17.00 | | 28.03 | 1,054.94 | 97.00 | | | | | 23.08 | | 42.58 | | 162 66 | 1,217.60 |
| Tuckaseege | 216.00 | | 38 85 | 175 00 | 29.00 | 12.00 | | | 294.11 | 766.96 | 17.35 | | | | | 44.98 | | | | 62.33 | 829.29 |
| TOTALS | $41,240 00 | $6,017 46 | $3,450.30 | $87,952.77 | $13,045.17 | $8,134.51 | $872.16 | $128.60 | $4,774.96 | $164,161.25 | $21,477.74 | $166.16 | $190 94 | $281 71 | $845.79 | $3,694 87 | $144.17 | $53.68 | $245.51 | $27,099 39 | $191,556.68 |

| Churches | Value Church Property | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Alexis | $ 2,000 | $ | $ | $ |
| 2. Belmont First | 21,000 | | | |
| 3. Bessemer City | 10,000 | 187.84 | 156.00 | 173 |
| 4. Bruington | 2,000 | | | |
| 5. Cherryville | 35,000 | | | |
| 6. Dallas | 20,000 | | | |
| 7. East Belmont | 10,000 | 39.52 | 346.43 | 20 |
| 8. East Gastonia | 75,000 | | | |
| 9. Gastonia First | 30,000 | 1,694.91 | 2,262.98 | 2,225 |
| 10. Hickory Grove | 2,500 | | 7.13 | 10 |
| 11. High Shoals | 5,000 | 22.00 | 27.00 | 28 |
| 12. Long Creek Memorial | 55,000 | 5.20 | | |
| 13. Lucia | 1,000 | | | |
| 14. Loray | 25,000 | 94.62 | 434.60 | 191 |
| 15. Lowell | 3,000 | 150.00 | 540.00 | 150 |
| 16. Mayworth | | | | |
| 17. McAdenville | 5,729 | 202.49 | 205.15 | 204 |
| 18. Mount Beulah | 4,000 | 9.07 | | |
| 19. Mount Holly | | | 3.85 | |
| 20. Mount Zion | 3,500 | | | |
| 21. Ranlo | 885 | | | |
| 22. Sandy Plains | 1,500 | | | |
| 23. Shady Grove | 700 | | | |
| 24. South Gastonia | 20,000 | | | |
| 25. Spencer Mountain | | | | |
| 26. Tuckaseege | 3,500 | | | |
| 27. Calvary, Gastonia | | | | |
| 28. Hulls Grove | 2,000 | | | |
| | $348,414 | $2,405.65 | $3,983.14 | $3,035 |

*Totals designated and undesignated for 75 Million Fund.

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other Boards or Committee from time to time as circumstances may require.

## TIME OF MEETING

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

## VACANCIES

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive Committee may fill any vacancy occuring between meetings of the Association.

## AMENDMENTS

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

W. C. BARRETT
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN
D. F. PUTMAN

# MINUTES

OF THE

# THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# GASTON COUNTY

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CHERRYVILLE, N. C.

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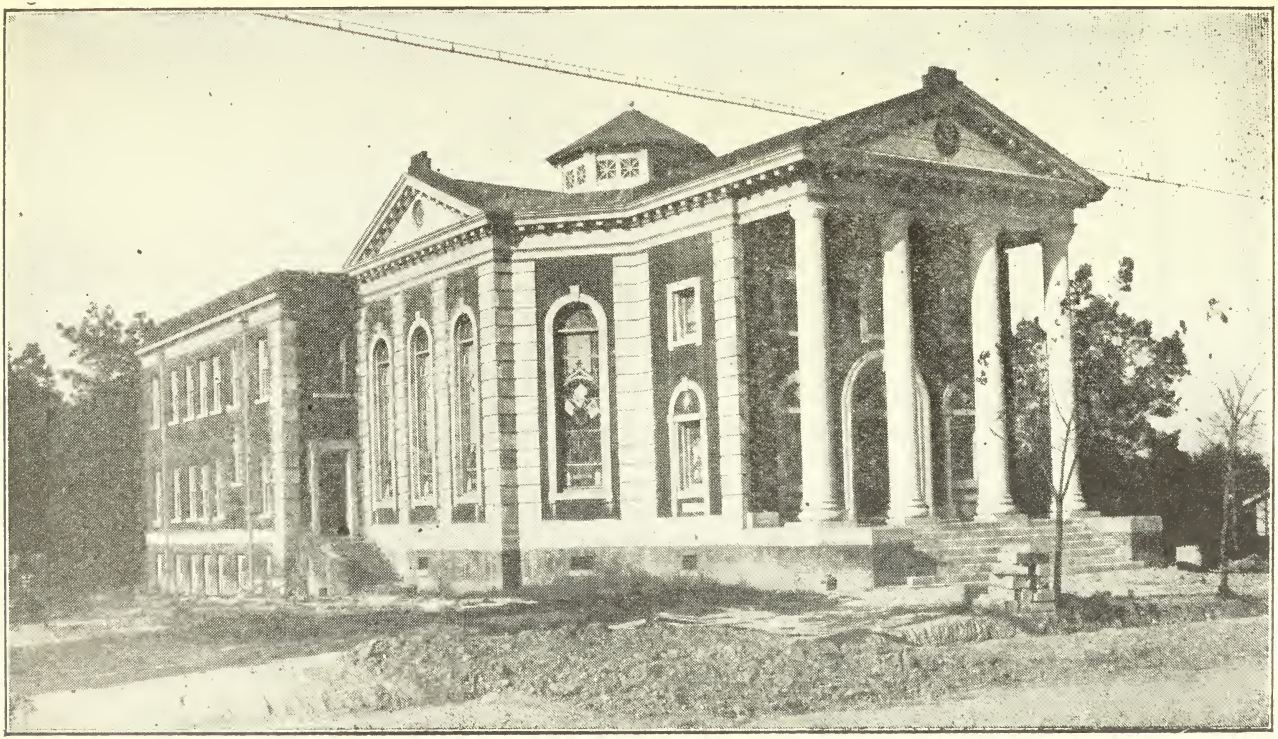

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## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS.

Moderator ..... W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

Vice Moderator ..... C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville, N. C.

Clerk ..... David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.

Treasurer ..... W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. J. Francis, Ex-Officio, Chairman, Dr. W. C. Barrett, Dr. J. L. Vipperman, Rev. R. G. Mace, Rev. T. H. King, Rev. W. W. Rimmer, Rev. C. J. Black, Rev. D. F. Putnam and Mr. J. Rollins.

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## ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. B. McClure, Alexis; J. M. Ballard, Alexis; Rush Padgett, Louisville, Ky.; A. W. Setzer, Maiden; C. A. G. Thomas, Mount Holly; D. B. Tritt, Mars Hill; J. J. Waldrop, Lowell; C. J. Black, Gastonia; W. J. Hopkins, Mount Holly; W. C. Barrett, Gastonia; C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville; R. G. Mace, Belmont; D. F. Putnam, Cherryville; E. A. Teague, Belmont; J. L. Vipperman, Dallas; T. H. King, Gastonia; B. B. Brooks, Gastonia; M. L. Barnes, Gastonia; L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton; C. L. Taylor, Mount Holly; W. F. Huggins, Alexis; W. W. Williams, Bessemer City; J. P. Bennett, Cramerton; George H. Johnson, Belmont; W. P. McCarter, Gastonia.

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## MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col.4:12.

# PROCEEDINGS.

The Gaston County Baptist Association met in its third session with the Cherryville Baptist Church, at Cherryville, N. C., on Tuesday, October 18, 1921, at 10:00 A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, W. J. Francis.

After singing a hymn, "My Savior First of All," the Moderator offer a most earnest, effective prayer for the success of the session of the association. Following this was a song, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Devotional services conducted by E. S. Ivery. Romans 12:1-4 was read for the lesson. Prayer by T. H. King.

C. A. Caldwell and T. H. King were appointed as enrollment committee. Upon distribution and collection of enrollment cards, the committee reported that 94 delegates were present at the opening.

The next order of business, the election of officers, resulted as follows: W. J. Francis, Moderator; C. A. Caldwell, Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger, Clerk; and W. L. Walters, Treasurer.

The Churches represented and the delegates enrolled during the sessions are as follows:

**Alexis**—E. V. Senter, Miss Sallie Senter, Mrs. E. V. Senter, Stephen Stroupe, Gorman E. Hovis.

**Belmont First**—W. J. Francis, M. W. Sanford, J. E. Brown, Geo. H. Johnson.

**Bessemer City**—C. A. Sparks, J. W. Davis, W. W. Williams, R. P. Rollins, C. C. Clark.

**Bruington**—J. P. Callaway, W. W. Rimmer, J. E. Chronister, G. W. Abernethy.

**Calvary**—S. G. McAllister, D. J. Gardner, Mrs. S. G. McAllister.

Center View—H. C. Murphy, J. J. Duncan, Lorzoma Ferrell.

Cherryville—A. L. Houser, David P. Dellinger, B. H. Roberts, J. W. Kendrick, R. A. Newton, D. F. Putnam, A. C. Warlick, Dr. J. E. Holt.

Cramerton—J. P. Bennett, E. C. Smith, W. R. Bush, R. L. Leeper.

Dallas—J. L. Vipperman, P. D. Summey, R. S. Lewis.

East Belmont—R. G. Mace, R. E. Ingram, R. M. Ramsey, Conner Rumfelt.

East Gastonia—J. L. Price, T. H. King, C. B. Newton, J. W. Stewart, W. M. Miller, M. L. Saunders, A. McCoy, W. L. Walters, G. C. Moss.

First Gastonia—W. C. Barrett, H. O. Eisenhour.

Hickory Grove—W. B. McClure, L. M. Montgomery, J. F. Abernethy, J. Lee Abernethy.

High Shoals—Blanche Sherrill, Ben F. Shelton, Mrs. A. C. Lewis, A. S. Kendrick, A. C. Lewis, W. P. Carpenter.

Hull's Grove—T. B. Hull, J. H. Brendel, Mrs. Ollie Brendel, S. H. Upton.

Long Creek Memorial—E. S. Ivery, A. R. Holland, T. S. Summey.

Loray—W. Lee Smith, C. L. Padgett, S. L. Smith, C. T. Hawkins, C. J. Black, F. M. Pasour.

Lowell—J. J. Waldrop, A. E. Clemmer.

Lucia—C. L. Tylor.

McAdenville—C. A. Caldwell, Summey Britton, T. P. Skidmore.

Mount Beulah—E. A. Biggerstaff, J. W. Whitesides, J. H. Kinley, L. A. Barbee.

Mount Holly—W. W. Skidmore, A. U. Stroupe, O. L. Hoffman.

Mount Zion—D. H. Dellinger, Lee Wacaster.

Ranlo—M. L. Barnes, W. J. Day, L. B. Norwood.

Sandy Plains—N. A. Jenkins, J. E. C. Ford, J. C. Mullen, E. H. Moten, L. B. Jenkins.

Shady Grove—M. P. Randall, Bert Stroupe, Mrs. H. J. Mauney.

South Marietta—W. P. McCarter.

Spencer Mountain—Iven Hoffman, Elmer Hoffman.

Tuckaseege—C. L. Taylor, J. W. Cherry.

The following were enrolled as visitors: J. A. Snow, of South Fork Association; W. G. Count, of Kings Mountain; S. F. Conrad, representing the Biblical Recorder; W. D. Bostic of Shelby, a returned Missionary from China; T. J. Hoover, of South Fork Association.

D. F. Putnam, Pastor, Cherryville Baptist Church, delivers a brief address of welcome.

W. W. Williams reads the following report on Biblical Recorder:

## REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The printed page is a great factor and force for either the tearing down or building of God's Kingdom. It can be made to serve the devil or it may be made a powerful influence in the service of God. It is not necessary in this day to urge people to read, but is of great importance that they be urged to use care in the choice of reading matter.

At this juncture in the affairs of North Carolina Baptists no part of our publication work is of so much importance as our State paper. As never before our people need to know about our work. When there is lack of information there will be lack of interest. "My people perish for lack of knowledge." The Recorder is our greatest publicity agency and through it we must reach all our people. Our Association, as a part of the North Carolina Convention, must keep in touch with our numerous churches in order to accomplish what we are associated together to do.

How can our people be interested in what they know nothing about? And how can the Recorder be printed without enough subscribers to pay for it? And how can our members excuse their lack of interest when the information costs less than four cents per week.

We ought to have between one thousand and twelve hundred subscribers in the association and would have that many if the paper went into every home. We have only four hundred and fifty copies going into the homes of our members. Let there be, therefore, a rallying of our churches to its support. We urge that the Recorder be put in every home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The motion to adopt this report is discussed by W. W. Williams, S. F. Conrad, C. A. Caldwell, and is adopted.

The Moderator announces the appointment of the following com-

mittees: Time, place and preacher: J. E. C. Ford, A. U. Stroupe and W. B. McClure.

Order of business, W. W. Williams, R. S. Lewis and C. B. Newton.

W. L. Walters reads the following report on South Ford Institute:

## REPORT ON SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

Statement Showing Property South Fork Institute,
Turned over to S. T. Gaddy, Secretary,
Executive Committee South Fork Association
December 21st, 1920.

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| 1. Certificate of Deposit, Peoples Bank of Catawba, N. C. | | $ 199.92 |
| 1. Certificate of Deposit, Peoples Bank of Catawba, N. C. | | 433.20 |
| 7. Notes, Maiden Graded School, due February 23rd, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, $200.00 each, | $1,400.00 | |
| Accrued interest on above notes | 239.53 | 1,639.53 |
| 2. Notes, secured by First Mortgage, P. C. Costner, $1,000.00 each, due October 5th, 1920, 1921 | 2,000.00 | |
| Interest on above notes | 28.33 | 2,028.33 |
| 4. Notes, Union Cotton Mills, Maiden, N. C. $200.00 each, due August 4th, 1921, 1922.... | 800.00 | |
| Accrued Interest on above notes | 67.60 | 867.60 |
| Total | | $5,168.58 |

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE,
By
Retiring Secretary-Treasurer.

W. L. WALTERS, Chairman.

Motion to adopt this report is discussed briefly by W. C. Barrett and the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following resolution regarding the South Fork Institute: Resolved, That this Association instructs through its Executive Committee, that an immediate settlement be made through our Executive Committee and the Trustees or properly legalized authority of the South Fork Baptist Association, of the South Fork Institute property.

The resolution is unanimously adpoted.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to inquire into and report upon the Articles of Faith of Center View Baptist Church applying for membership in this Association; W. C. Barrett, J. L. Vipperman, and T. H. King.

The Association adjourns at 12:10 to meet at 1:00 p. m.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Assocation meets according to adjournment and is called to order by the Moderator. Devotional service is led by A. W. Setzer. Prayer by C. J. Black.

W. C. Barrett, from the committee appointed to report on the Articles of Faith of Center View Baptist Church, reports and recommends that the church be accepted as a member of this Association and that the delegates be seated in this body.

On motion the report is adopted and the delegates are introduced to the Association and welcomed as a new church in this body.

J. E. Ford reads the following report on Place and Preacher:

## REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your committee on Place and Preacher, after careful thought do recommend Cramerton as the Place. Preacher C. J. Black, alternate, W. P. McCarter.

Respectfully,
J. E. FORD,
W. B. McCLURE,
A. U. STROUPE.

The Moderator announces the following committee to confer with Trustees of South Fork Institute; M. A. Stroupe, E. B. Denny and W. C. Barrett.

M. L Barnes reads the following report on State Missions:

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

One of the greatest problems that has and should interest the minds of every Southern Baptist is that of State Missions. This work should weigh heavily upon the heart of every Baptist that names the name of Christ as his Savior; because our achievements in all of our denominational activities will be determined in a great measure by our State mission work. More men and women are employed in and more money is

expended by Southern Baptist for state work than by all denominations combined, and this effort has found its justification in the large number of men and women won to Christ and the lives of Christian usefulness for these many years. There were either in part or in whole last year a total of 2,654 state workers and the sum of $1,928,469 expended.

In North Carolina we find that our churches under the impetus of the campaign are responding more liberally than ever before to the Kingdom cause, and are the most liberal to be found any where in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The appropriations for the last two years have been sufficiently large to enable the Board to employ 8 general state workers or enlistment men, 4 Sunday school workers, 2 B. Y. P. U. workers, 2 W. M. U. workers, 2 educational workers and 3 office workers for the Board of missions as well as to supplement the salaries of 196 missionary pastors. There were 1,953 baptisms and 2,285 additions to the churches. Thirty churches have been aided in building houses of worship.

In Gaston County Association there are several churches receiving aid from the State Board. These churches have shown a substantial growth and notwithstanding the business depression their contribution has been good. There have been one hundred and fifteen additions reported. That you may get some idea of the work in our association I wish to call your attention to the following churches and facts:

The Calvary church of little over one year in age, has a Sunday school with enrollment 263, B. Y. P. U. with 35 members, W. M. U. with 25 members and Sunbeams with 50 members, and we bought a lot for $800 and will have same paid for by fist of November. There were 54 additions last year.

Ranlo another young church, made a steady growth in contributions met all of its pledges, has a live Sunbeam, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. There were 28 additions and others to follow.

South Marietta Street church, which has been handicapped by being out of a pastor for several months has taken on new life, doubled its Sunday school and with in the last few months has had twenty nine additions.

Shady Grove is making fine progress and the outlook is encouraging. Ten were received into the church recently by baptism. The young people are becoming very active and will soon organize a B. Y. P. U.

Mt. Zion has done well in meeting its obligations and has received one for baptism an dseveral by letter.

We are proud of every effort of the past, the sacrifices and our achievements but let us not be satisfied until we have solved our pitiably small building fund and put on a new church building era for this work and place on the mission fields some of our strongest men.

M. L. BARNES, Chairman.

W. C. Barrett reads the following report of the Executive Committee:

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This has been a strenuous year with the churches. On account of the unsettled conditions in business, the restlessness of the people and the downward trend in the price of labor and principal commodities, it has been difficult to keep up the spiritual life and meet the financial obligations of the churches, but the Lord has been with us and blessed our efforts.

At most of the Mission points in our Association, a large percent of the members have been out of employment a large part of the time this year. The mills have been standing or running on part time, most of the year.

Mt. Zion-Shady Grove field, A. W. Setzer pastor. This field was without a pastor from February, when Brother Ivery left, till July when Brother Setzer took charge. While the progress has not been as great as we had hoped, yet there is signs of increasing spirituality, especially at Shady Grove, where a B. Y. P. U. is to be organized.

Lucia, C. L. Taylor, Pastor. They have had regular service once a month. The work here has been disappointing to some of us ,however, when we consider the difficulties we are encouraged. The brethren have decided to not ask the Board for any assistance next year.

Ranlo, M. L. Barnes, Pastor. They have had one service each week. In spite of the labor conditions, the church letter shows fine progress. They need a house to worship in. They are forced on account of conditions to have a Union Sunday school.

Calvary, M. L. Barnes, Pastor. This church is very young, but very progressive. They have had one service each week during the year. They have bought a large lot facing the main road at a cost of $800.00, and propose to finish paying for it by the 1st of November.

South Marietta, W. P. McCarter, Pastor. This church has made one of the best records in this part of the country, however, they have been hard pressed this year, having a heavy indebtedness on account of the new church building, and being without a pastor from April, when Brother McCarter took charge. The attendance at Sunday school and preaching service has doubled in the last few weeks, and when all of the mills get to running on full time, they will meet all of their obligations.

W. C. BARRETT, Chairman.

W. C. Barrett reads the following report onHomeMissions:

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located in Atlanta, Ga., is the only great inter-State Missionary organization of Southern Baptist. It forms a bond of union, and has probably been the greatest force among Southern

Baptist for the unification of our great Denomination. Through this Agency, Southern Baptist in the largest way make it possible for the strong to help the weak. The greater part of the work of the Board is, therefore, in the weaker States, yet the rapid development in our industrial and business life, and the unprecedented growth of our Cities, and the increasing demands from the country districts, where the larger per cent of our Baptist people live, make it necessary for the Home Board to do a great deal in the older States.

Through the evangelistic, missionary and enlistment forces of the the Home Mission Board, much is being done to conserve our vast host of Baptist people, and to enlist them in our denominational work.

The Board has just closed the most remarkable year of its history, both in the amount of funds received and the results accomplished.

At the annual meeting of the Board in June 1920, the work was laid out on a basis of 100 per cent greater than that of any previous year. This was done on the strength of the pledges to the 75 Million campaign, and because of the increased demand for a larger outlay of money in meeting the calls for help. At that time cotton was bringing about 40c per pound. Sometime after that it went down to 10c, which reduced the income of the Board considerably, and brought about a debt of $727,622, consequently the Board has been forced to re-trench very materially in order to take care of the indebtedness and current expenses.

This is a time for Baptist people to demonstrate their loyalty and faith. Our Boards are depending upon us. If we fail as churches and individuals, our Boards and the work they are trying to do, will not only be embarrassed, but abandon. We would conclude this report, therefore, with an appeal to every church and every Baptist in the Gaston County Association, to meet its full obligation, or as near as possible, and as soon as possible to the 75 Million campaign.

W. C. BARRETT, Chairman.

J. L. Vipperman reads the following report on Foreign Missions:

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

October 17, 1921.

I count myself happy to submit the report on Foreign Missions.

So mightily has our God moved among the nations of the earth that it is deeply refreshing to submit a report in which it can be truly said: "This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

The Providence of God has thrown wide open the doors of the world and guards them for our entrance.

The commitment of New Testament churches to World Evangalization is a glorious fact for which the Triune God is alone responsible. Every redeemed soul is inoculated with the missionary blood of Calvary's cross.

Facing Need and Responsibility. The task before us is worthy of

Southern Baptists and is characterized by thrilling prospects. We have undertaken on our foreign fields new and old, to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to approximately 200,000,000 black people, 475,000,000 yellow people and 4,000,000 brown people, and to a white population of 225,000,000. The European program has significance in the fact that it contemplates immediately the evangelization of the white races. Historically, they are the pioneers of the world. The white population, among which we are now projecting our work, is sufficient in numbers to make three nations as large as the entire American Republic.

Southern Baptists have projected foreign mission work in five great sections of the papal and pagan world; namely, in the republics to the south of the United States, in Japan, China, Africa and Italy. In those countries there is combined population of more than 700,000,000, among whom Southern Baptist have 32,000 church members, and to whom we have sent 114 ordained missionaries. Missionaries are surrounded by heathen influences, opposition and prejudice such as are unknown to the preachers in the homeland. To quote another who speaks concerning this, "For every year of Evangelical effort, there have been one hundred years of idolatry and ignorance; for every church or chapel there hundreds of temples and monasteries; for every missionary there are thousands of priests; and for every convert, thousands of idolators."

The complete transformation of the greater part of the world within the last few months is one of the greatest events in human history. The radical change of three-fourths of the human race intellectually and politically and the making of them ready for spiritual readjustment, in so short a time is without parallel in the history of nations.

Southern Baptist have suddenly fallen heir to such a missionary responsibility as never fell to a people before. It is an hour of testing and an hour sublime opportunity. Are we equal to it? Can Southern Baptist summon the courage to put their message afield and advance their faith among the peoples of the earth when the opportunity and the challenge are given them to do so?

If we are equal to the hour, we can take the Word of Life to millions of our fellow human beings, and we can in a few years gain a standing and leadership for our faith and denomination which it is thrilling to contemplate. Let us face the question calmly and decide deliberately what we will do in the face of so extraordinary a missionary situation. The uplifting effects of the 75 Million Campaign have been keenly felt in our work in foreign lands. Our great advance here at home has inspired the native churches to efforts like our own. Every field is pressing its great Campaign with fine success.

The highest number of baptisms was reached in the number of baptism of 6,998 converts. We now have 611 churches, 187 of which are self-supporting. The total membership is 59,438. Their contributions last year amounted to about $5 per member. 41,727 pupils were instruct-

ed in our 907 Sunday schools. 405 foreign missionaries are now under appointment, 72 having been sent out during the year. At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board held June 8th and 9th, 1921, 21 missionaries were appointed for work abroad.

Southern Baptist have prospered immeasurably in material things and rich spiritual harvests have been gathered in heathen lands by their missionaries. We ought to honor God with more sacrificial givings and offerings, then will we see the Kingdom of God come with power. Foreign missions make a new call.

Recommendations:

1. First special attention be given to Wills and Annuities. Write the Board for particulars.

2. That we take and read "The Home and Foreign Fields."

3. That we commend the policy of the Board in preserving a complete autonomy at home and abroad, unembarrassed by enlarging alliances with other bodies holding to different standards of doctrines and different views of church life and church order.

4. That all lovers of God pray earnestly for this work: Matt. 9:37, 38.

5. That we do our best to catch up whatever may be lacking in the 75 Million Campaign. The building of Southern Baptist college, seminary, hospital and orphanage in Jerusalem where our Lord was crucified is at once thrilling to contemplate. May our lives be channels of blessing-rivers of living water, bringing life and beauty and refreshing along the way, until at last we find a home with God in the ocean of His Eternity.

Respectfully submitted,
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN, Chairman.

T. H. King reads the following report on Education:

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We live in a day of education. Culture has come to be considered the inalienable right of every individual. Knowledge is power. Lack of it becomes a social and civic menace. It is a commanding duty of the State to provide such education for all the children of the State as will equip them for good citizenship. It does not have to be shown that education is good to show that it is powerful. It is estimated that only one man in fifty is a college graduate; and yet this small per cent of our citizenship has furnished more than half the leading men in political life. And more than seventy per cent. of our lawyers, authors and teachers are college graduates.

It matters much what kind of education is provided for our people. Put into your schools to-day what you expect to come out in your civilization to-morrow. It is generally conceded that the late world war came

as the result of a certain type of education in Germany. German school-teachers threw the world into a cataclysm of fire. On the other hand, nation-wide prohibition came gloriously in this country after temperance had been taught for a generation in our Sunday schools and day schools.

But we are concerned in this report about that type of education known as Christian education. Christian schools are necessary to Christian faith. "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men." Early in our history it was discovered that religion alone was not a sufficient equipment for our task. We have various powers given us by God which should be trained for God. Our achievements in the field of education have amply justified our efforts. Our Christian schools have been a mighty agency in Kingdom extension. Without them, the history of our denomination could have been written in half its pages. And the general influence of our Christian schools on the educational life of the country has been most wholesome. Just what type of education we would have in our public and State aided institutions to-day, if we had had no Christian schools, it is not difficult to know. It would have been characterized with rationalistic unbelief.

"Our task," says Dr. E. M. Poteat, "is to enthrone Jesus over all the world and over all the life of the world." Our Christian schools are being watched and tested as never before. They must be kept true to the great fundamental teachings of the New Testament and they must ever be pervaded by a wholesome Christian atmosphere.

Wake Forest College, Meredith College,, Chowan College, and Mars Hill College, together with fourteen secondary schools, are owned and controlled by the Baptists of the State. We have reason to be profoundly grateful for the fidelity of all of them to our Baptist ideals. They are worthy of our greatest confidence and generous support.

Attention is here called to the discussions in the denominational press recently relative to our Baptist colleges and The Southern Association of Colleges. Space forbids a discussion of this matter in this report; but your committee feels that our Baptist colleges should beware of entangling alliances with unchristian educational organizations.

Boiling Springs School, owned and operated by The King's Mountain and Sandy Run Associations, because of the fact that it is one of our very best secondary schools and because it is accessible to the people of our Association, should be supported and patronized as far as possible by the Baptists of this Association. And we hope that the time is not far distant when this Association will join with the others maintaining this institution.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. KING, Chairman.

Motion is made at the close of the reading of each report and all the foregoing reports are discussed, in whole or in part, by M. L. Barnes, W. C. Barrett, S. F. Conrad, Wade D. Bostic.

At the close of the discussion of Foreign Missions by Brother Bostic a most earnest, fervent prayer was offered by Dr. Vipperman in behalf of his mother who is at the point of death.

The motion to adopt all reports on Missions is unanimously passed.

W. L. Walters reads the following Treasurer's report:

## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 18, 1921.

Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit to you herewith my report as treasurer of the Association for the year just closed:

Receipts:

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| From Churches for minute fund | $207.94 |

Disbursements:

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| Brumley-Walters Printing Company— | |
| Program for 1920 Session | $ 4.00 |
| Enrollment Cards 1920 Session | 10.00 |
| Digest of Letters 1920 Session | 10.00 |
| Minutes of 1920 Session (including cut of H. B. Moore) | 160.00 |
| David P. Dellinger, Clerk, Services as Clerk | 17.03 |
| Expense of Office, Postage, Stenographer Fees, etc. | 14.41 |
| Total Disbursements | $207.94 |
| Deficit: Due D. P. Dellinger, Clerk | $ 7.96 |

(Which is donated.)

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. WALTERS, Treas.

## TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association reconvened according to adjournment and is called to order by the Moderator. After several songs the Scripture Lesson is read from Isaiah 53rd, Chapter by Geogre H. Johnson who also lead in prayer.

A quartette is beautifully rendered by Mrs. George S. Falls, B. H. Roberts, M. A. Stroupe and W. C. Hicks. This is followed by a song "When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

T. H. King preached the Associational Sermon, using as a text. I Cor. 15:3, the theme being The Atonement. This Sermon made a profound impression and effect upon the congregation. Prayer by Mr. King.

Song, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

C. J. Black, for R .G. Mace, reads the following report on Sunday School:

## REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In 1910 there were, in North Carolina, 1,809 Sunday-schools with a membership of 166,636, an average of 92 members per school. In 1920 the number of schools had increased to 2,129 and the membership had increased to 221,028, an average of nearly 104. These figures show a net gain during the ten year period of 321 schools, 54,392 members and an average membership of 12.

This increase, while encouraging, is by no means as large as it should have been.

There were, at the meeting of the Convention last year, 301,611 members of Baptist churches in the State. The Sunday-school membership, therefore, lacked 80,583 of being as large as the church membership. At the last meeting of our own Association there were reported 5,873 church members, only 1,749 of whom were members of the Sunday schools. Our Sunday-school enrollment lacked 490 of equaling our church membership. Roughly speaking, two-thirds of our church membership is not enrolled in the Sunday-schools. This proportion would doubtless hold throughout the State.

An analysis of these figures will show something lacking in our denominational life. It would seem that a vast proportion of our church members have lost sight of the teaching function of the church. At least many of them are disinterested in the efforts that are being made to carry out that phase of the Great Commission. Your committee believes that the lack is found:

First: In our organization. Too many schools are dragging along without proper organization.

Second: In equipment. Many schools are lamentably lacking in equipment, both in class rooms and teaching material.

Third: In teacher training. A very small proportion of our Sunday-schools know the first principles of teaching to say nothing of their lack of Bible knowledge.

Fourth: In evangelism. Too often the evangelistic note is never sounded in the Sunday-school.

These conditions very greatly hinder the work of our Sunday-schools and must be remedied before we can hope for rapid progress.

In view of these facts, your committee recommends:

First: That the churches of our Association organize and grade, as far as possible, according to the Convention plan, giving more attention to the Home Department and Cradle Roll.

Second: That, as rapidly as possible, the churches provide ample equipment in the way of class rooms and teaching material.

Third: That every church institute immediately an intensive system

of teacher training.

Fourth: That evangelism be emphasized as never before.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MACE, Chairman.

The motion to adopt the report is discussed by C. J. Black and is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following Resolution:

## RESOLUTIOON ON WAYS AND MEANS:

Recognizing the fact that we have a most blessed Association, but also that it can and ought to be still greater,

Resolved, That we ask the Moderator to appoint a committee of three which shall be known as "The Ways and Means Committee," who shall report back to this session of the Association the ways and means by which a still higher degree of efficiency can be reached by this Association.

J. L. VIPPERMAN.

The Resolution is adopted, and the following committee appointed: C. J. Black, T. H. King, and George H. Johnson.

The following visitors are enrolled, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Robinson, Miss Lela Robinson, Miss Helen Durham, Miss Lela Durham, of Dallas; D. M. Martin, of Shelby.

J. L. Vipperman makes a most earnest and pathetic plea for and on behalf of E. S. Ivery who has been sorely afflicted and unable to return to the ministry or other work sufficient for his support. A contribution was made amounting to $53.65.

The Association adjourned at 9:15 p. m. to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30. Benediction by A. E. Teague.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9:30 a. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by A. E. Teague, the Scripture Lesson being the 53rd Psalm. Prayer by J. L. Vipperman.

Minutes for Tuesday and Tuesday night read and approved.

The following visitors are enrolled: Mrs. L. M. Rhyne, McAdenville; M. L. Kesler, of the Thomasville Orphanage; Mrs. R. J. Durham, Dallas; M. A. Putnam, Shelby; J. W. Suttle, Moderator of the Kings Mountain Association.

M. A. Stroupe reads the following report on Temperance:

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, the Church was in a large way responsible for the passage of our prohibition laws, in spite of which large quantities of contraband intoxicants are being manufactured and sold by the blind-tigers, and blockaders all over our States; therefore be it

Resolved, that our great temperance duty to-day is the enforcement of our prohobition laws, with a special effort toward getting rid of the blind-tiger and blockade stills which continue to blight the lives of many of our young men, and hinder the progress of the Kingdom.

Resolved, that we urge and insist upon the strict enforcement of the law by all of our officials from policemen to governor.

Resolved, that we take our place in this righteous fight, and assume our full share of the responsibility of bringing to the attention of our people the tremendous evil effects of alcohol in any form.

Resolved, that we insist upon the election of men to the General Assembly of North Carolina, who are in sympathy with the Anti-Saloon League, and its efforts to rid the State of illicit distilleries, and that we call upon our Senators, and Representatives to stand loyally by the Federal Government in its efforts to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment.

M. A. STROUP, Chairman.

Motion to adopt is discussed by M. A. Stroupe, S. F. Conrad, George H. Johnson, and is adopted.

J. J. Waldrop reads the followingre port on Orphanage:

## REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Under the blessings of God the Orphanage closed its thirty-sixth year of loving service June 1st, 1921. Since the Orphanage was founded two thousand and sixty-two have been received and blest by its kindly ministry. There are at present five hundred and thirty-one being cared for, two hundred and forty-one boys, and two hundred and ninety girls. Of these eighty-five are at the Kennedy Home. The Institution is aiding this year, twenty-one children with their mothers. Sixty-two have been received during the year.

Each passing year demonstrates the wisdom of once a month collection from the Sunday Schools and Organized classes. It is seen more clearly in times of depression. The school that has become a regular monthly contributor has developed the habit of giving to the Orphanage, and this habit holds through all the vicissitudes of prosperity and adversity. We have no apprehensions about the future support of the Orphanage. We know that it is going to be supported. We also know something of the benefits derived from the once a month offering, both to the individual and the Sunday School.

Our campaign pledges should by no means take the place of the once

a month offering to the Orphanage. The baby in the bull-rush cradle on the perilous tide was not to blame for his situation, nor is the child to blame who is today sweltering in hot and fever infested tenements, or who is dying for want of proper nutrition and care in the home of the poor and ignorant, or his natural protectors gone is the victim of selfish relatives and strangers who have made him their pitiable slave. The baby did not ask to exist, existence was thrust upon him. By a mere accident he was born in the slave's hut and Pharoah in the palace, it might have been reversed had destiny so ordered. Nature shuffles children into the world apparently as a careless seedsman scatters grain. In home of virtue and comfort sometimes the baby comes not at all, but in the homes of the poor and ignorant they are sometimes numerous. The helpless little strangers are the beneficiaries or the victims of whatever circumstatnces surround them at birth. If the child finds himself in the bull-rush cradle, he cannot arise and demand his rights at the palace gate. In a world of plenty he cannot reach forth his hand and take. His only recourse is a feeble cry, yet the child in his cry prefers a right. He is no beggar pleading for that he does not deserve nor own. Every child has a God-given right to mother, father, home and love. When the bull-rush cradle was opened it was God who said to the child, "cry." Flattery has always been considered the easiest mode of access to royal personage. Here is a baby sentenced to death, the eventful moment has come and he faces a royal princess. What will he say? What can he say? He can only cry, and the princess yields to the authority of that cry, for the child cries in the name of the great Jehovah. If the princess had known the language of this cry it might have been different. If she had known the future of the child doubtless she would have left him to his fate.

The Orphan's plea is not only effective because of his desolation, but because of his danger. The immediate danger of an orphan child is not the danger of nakedness nor starvation. If Christians will not feed and clothe a child, the devil will; and make his own use of him in the end.

The woman of whom Solomon said, "Her feet go down to death, and her steps take hold on hell," ever keeps an open door to the lonely and friendless girl, and the men who say, "Let us lay in wait for blood," too frequently find their tool in the neglected and homeless youth. Thus the cry of the bereaved babe is a cry for protection in a world where weakness means destruction unless overshadowed by strong and valiant pit.

The cry of the orphan child touches the hearts of North Carolina Baptists, and we respond to that cry with our means for their support in a glorious way; but what are we doing for the unfortunate girls who are cast out of society, and at whom the finger of scorn and ridicule is pointed on every hand? The door of temptation to further sin and crime ever stands ajar to this class of young womanhood. Surely our Heavenly Father would have North Carolina Baptists place before them

an open door with strong inducements to quit the wretched life they are now living and take Jesus for their companion. This we can do with full assurance that He will receive them, for He said to a certain woman. "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." We would urge every Baptist in our association to give the proceeds of one day's work or income to the Thomasville Orphanage on, or about Thanksgiving Day.

J. J. WALDROP, For Committee.

The motion to adopt this report is discussed by J. J. Waldrop, M. L. Kesler, and the report is adopted.

Song, "In the Service of the King."

George H. Johnson reads the following report on Woman's Work:

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

There are now a great many organizations in our churches. When rightly and righteously conducted they are all helpful, especially is this true of all those organizations lead and conducted by our Godly women. Their work is among the most telling forces for the progress of the local church and for the building up of the things of interest in their respective communities.

Last year they organized over 200 new societies in the State; reported in money over $300,000.00 contributed to all objects. This was an increase of more than 80 per cent over their gifts of the previous year.

In the bounds of our Association they are doing a wonderful work. In their recent meeting at Belmont their reports showed great gains along all lines.

We would heartily commend our women for the work they have done and are doing, and urge all Pastors and Churches to encourage and assist them in their efforts to further the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. JOHNSON, Chairman

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by George H. Johnson, C. J. Black, and is adopted.

M. L. Kesler announces the critical illness of Mrs. W. H. Reddish, who is now in a hospital at Charlotte. Upon the suggestion of J. L. Vipperman, M. L. Barnes leads in earnest prayer for Mrs. Reddish.

C. J. Black makes motion that the Reports hereafter be limited to one-half page, which is adopted.

The Association adjourns at 12:00 o'clock to meet at 1:00 p. m.

Benediction by J. W. Suttle.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association meets at 1:00 p. m., as per adjournment and is called to order by the Moderator. Song, "The Fight is On." Devotional Services conducted by H. O. Eisenhour, the Scripture lesson being the 6th chapter of Ephesians. Prayer by Mr. Eisenhour.

The Moderator appoints R. S. Lewis to serve for W. L. Walters in the collection of the Minute Fund.

Committee to nominate members of th Executive Committee are appointed as follows: T. C. Smith, W. W. Williams and A. McCoy.

Moderator appoints as delegates to the State Convention: D. P. Dellinger, T. C. Smith and George H. Johnson.

Southern Baptist Convention: W. C. Barrett, member State Mission Board: T. H. King.

W. W. Williams, for M. O. Thornburg, reads the following report on B. Y. P. U.

## REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The Gaston Associational B. Y. P. U. was organized by the Gaston County Baptist Association in October 1919, with Rev. R. G. Mace of Belmont as it's first director. The Association was divided into four districts and a Vice President appointed for each. Some work was done in each district during the first year, especially in the Gastonia district where the work seemed to be better organized. The Gastonia City Union functions the work of the Gastonia District.

There were at the beginning of the last Associational year 14 Senior Unions and 8 Junior Unions in the Association. There has been organized during the year 8 Senior Unions and three Junior Unions—making a total of 22 Senior Unions and 11 Junior Unions in the 29 Organized Baptist Churches in the Association at the end of this Associational year, leaving 7 churches yet unorganized.

The aim during the past year was to extend the B. Y. P. U. work to every Baptist Church in the Association. To this end an Annual Associational Meeting was held at Loray on April 8th and 9th of this year. There have also been several district rallies held during the year. The Gastonia District has been especially active during the past year and now has a Union in every church in the district, eight in number.

The following officers were elected at the Annual Convention last year:

M. O. Thornburg, President.

Rev. W. W. Williams, Vice President.
Rev. A. E. Teague, Vice President.
F. L. Smith, Sec'y-Treasurer.
Mrs. M. O. Thornburg, Jr. Leader.

As authorized by the Associational B. Y. P. U. By-Laws and Constitution, Mr. C. M. Austin was appointed by the President in August as Sec.-Treas. to succeed Mr. F. L. Smith who resigned.

Below is the Group Plan of organization for the Associational year 1921-1922:

Group No. 1. Mr. T. A. Graham, Vice President. Gastonia District. Churches: Loray, Ranlo, South Gastonia, Calvary, First Gastonia, East Gastonia, Spencer Mountain, Lowell, Sandy Plains.

Group No. 2. Mr. R. S. Lewis, Vice President. Dallas District. Churches: Bruington, Dallas, Lucia, Long Creek Memorial, Alexis and Mt. Zion.

Group No. 3. Rev. W. W. Williams, Vice President. Bessemer City District. Churches: Bessemer City, Cherryville, Mt. Beulah, High Shoals, Hull's Grove and Shady Grove.

Group No. 4. Rev. A. E. Teague, Vice President. Belmont District. Churches: Belmont First, East Belmont, Mt. Holly, Hickory Grove, McAdenville, Cramerton, Tuckaseege.

The Associational B. Y. P. U. has received and paid out funds during the year as follows:

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| Received by collections at Annual Convention | | $17.00 |
| Expenses of convention, invited guests, etc... | $15.00 | |
| Paid for stamps and envelopes ..... | 2.00 | |
| | | $17.00 |

There have been two Executive meetings held during the past Summer, at which time plans for extending the work were discussed, each District having been represented at these meetings.

It is the purpose of your Associational Executive Committee to extend the work to every Baptist Church in the Association during the present B. Y. P. U. Conventional year, which ends on May 31, 1922, and we earnestly request the hearty co-operation of the Pastors, and Laymen to this extent.

Respectfully submitted,
M. O. THORNBURG, President.
C. M. AUSTIN, Sec'y-Treas.

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by W. W. Williams, and is adopted.

T. C. Smith reads the follwing report on Ministerial Relief:

## MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

As it is supposed to be known by all the Ministerial Relief Work

has of the different States been merged and is now under the control of Southern Baptist Board and is in the hands of Dr. Wm. Lunsford of Dallas, Texas for N. C. we have 55 benf. Our State paid into this fund last conv. year $62,000.00 the N. C. Board has intrusted a permanant investment fund of $30,000, this fund received $1,350.00 last year from the estate of Rev. J. L. Stewart.

Three years ago So. Baptist conv. assumed charge of this work. I will give apart of a report the genereal committee makes. This in the form of a comparative statement to show the wisdom of the change, from the individual States to the So. Baptist conv. The figures are:

| Benf. | Received | Annual Amt. |
|---|---|---|
| 1919 | 5 | $ 75.00 |
| 1920 | 33 | 75.00 |
| 1919 | 23 | 100.00 |
| 1920 | 46 | 100.00 |
| 1919 | 68 | 120.00 |
| 1920 | 176 | 120.00 |
| 1919 | 178 | 150.00 |
| 1920 | 174 | 150.00 |
| 1919 | 22 | 180.00 |
| 1920 | 171 | 180.00 |
| 1919 | 12 | 240.00 |
| 1920 | 47 | 240.00 |
| 1919 | 0 | 280.00 |
| 1920 | 12 | 280.00 |
| 1919 | 4 | 300.00 |
| 1920 | 52 | 300.00 |
| 1919 | 0 | 360.00 |
| 1920 | 16 | 360.00 |
| 1919 | 0 | 375.00 |
| 1920 | 1 | 375.00 |
| 1919 | 0 | 450.00 |
| 1920 | 1 | 450.00 |
| 1919 | 0 | 600.00 |
| 1920 | 1 | 600.00 |

T. C. SMITH, Chairman.

On motion to adopt this report the same is discussed by T. C. Smith. and it is adopted.

C. J. Black reads the following report on Obituaries:

## REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We have lost the following by death during this Associational Year:

First Belmont—3. Mrs. Henry Thomas, Mrs. S. C. Ford, Mrs. G. W. Hansel.

East Belmont—E. A. Early, June 24, aged 48. He had been a

member 26 years.

Bessemer City—3.

Bruington—2.

Cherryville—Miss Leila Gay of Scottsboro, Ala., who came under the watch care of the church and had lined up as a most splendid worker. She was suddenly stricken with a fatal disease and died in a Charlotte Hospital ————————, 1921.

First Gastonia—Brother Robert Morton. Born in Gaston County, February 23, 1862 and died August 14, 1921. He was a faithful member.

East Gastonia—1.

Loray—J. M. Eaker, who was born November 1, 1863, died suddenly April 6, 1921.

McAdenville—M. A. Baldwin, I. A. Stafford, R. T. Gunnells, James Guin, Carson Rankin, James Torrence.

South Marietta—1.

Shady Grove—D. W. Witherspoon, J. A. Carpenter, Margaret Wright.

Hickory Grove—Brother Walter Bradshaw, February 13, 1921. He joined Hickory Grove Church and was baptized July 27, 1897. He was a consistent Christian. He left a widow and five children. Young Brother Ruby Joy, who accidentally shot himself while trying to cross a barbed wire fence December 28, 1920. He joined Hickory Grove Church and was baptized July 30, 1920.

Lowell—Rev. C. Q. Rhyne, who was a beloved Pastor from October 1, 1916 until the sad accident which ended his life December 16, 1920. His obituary appears in another place. Brother J. S. Earney, July 11, 1921. Brother John Bell, September 24, 1921, aged 85 years. He came to Lowell from Old Long Creek. These brethren were charter members of Lowell Church.

Long Creek—This church has lost but one during the year, Sister Margaret Fox.

Sandy Plains—Sister F. J. McAllister, May 5, 1921. She had been a member of Sandy Plains since August 1896. Brother L. T. Stanford, February 3, 1921. He had been a member since November 1895. Sister Etta White, November, 1921. She joined Sandy Plains Church, May 21, 1915. Miss Emma Alexander, who was accidentally killed by a jitney.

Respectfully,

C. J. BLACK, Chairman.

On motion the report was adopted.

T. H. King makes statement or oral report on Boiling Springs High School and the matter is further discussed by J. W. Suttle, a member of the Board of Trustees of the School, D. F. Putnam and J. L. Vipperman. And upon these statements J. L. Vipperman makes a motion that the Moderatr appoint a committee of three who are hereby clothed with authority to make such disposition of this matter includ-

ing the investment of such funds as may come into their hands from sale of South Fork Institute, as in their good judgment they may see fit and the Association here and now endorses their actions thereon. Motion is adopted. The committee appointed is as follows: W. C. Barrett, C. J. Black and J. L. Vipperman.

T. C. Smith makes the following report on Nominations for Executive Committee:

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We your committee beg to make the following report:

W. J. Francis, ex-officio chairman; Dr. W. C. Barrett, Rev. R. G. Mace, Dr. J. L. Vipperman, Rev. T. H. King, Rev. W. W. Rimmer, Rev. C. J. Black, Mr. J. R. Rollins, Rev. D. F. Putnam.

T. C. SMITH,
A. McCOY,
W. W. WILLIAMS.

On motion is report is adopted and the nominees are declared elected.

The Moderator appointed the following Chairman to write reports for next year:

Foreign Missions, W. P. McArthur.
Home Missions, J. P. Bennett.
State Missions, C. J. Black.
Woman's Work, D. F. Putnam.
Sunday Schools, W. H. Wray.
Biblical Recorder, A. W. Setzer.
Education, R. S. Lewis.
Ministerial Relief, J. E. Ford.
Obituaries, A. E. Teague.
Temperance, F. M. Pasour.
B. Y. P. U., W. W. Williams.
Orphanage, W. B. McClure.

The motion on the report on Education is discussed by T. H. King, W. J. Francis, J. L. Vipperman, M. L. Barnes, R. S. Lewis, W. W. Rimmre, C. J. Black. The reports are adopted.

R. S. Lewis reads the following report on Order of Business:

## REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

For Session 1922.

**Tuesday Morning.**

10:15—Devotional.
10:30—Enrollment of Delegates.
10:50—Organization.
11:00—Lecture.

12:00—Dinner.

**Tuesday Afternoon.**

1:00—Biblical Records.
1:25—Report of Treasurer.
1:30—Report on Education.
2:15—Report on Missions—State, Home and Foreign. Including Report on Boiling Springs School.
7:15—Devotional.
7:30—Sermon and Lecture.
8:15—Report on Sunday Schools.

**Wednesday Morning.**

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—Report on Calling Out of the Called.
10:00—Report on B. Y. P. U.
10:30—Report Ex Committee.
10:40—Report on Woman's Work.
11:10—Lecture.
12:00—Dinner.

**Wednesday Afternoon.**

1:00—Obituaries.
1:15—Orphanage.
1:50—Digest of Church Letters.
2:00—Temperance.
2:30—Old Minister's Relief.
2:45—Miscellaneous. Including Report on South Fork Institute.

W. S. WILLIAMS,
R. S. LEWIS,
C. B. NEWTON, Committee.

On motion the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman reads the following report on Calling out of the Called:

**REPORT ON CALLING OUT OF THE CALLED.**

During the year 6 persons have been called to ministerial and Gospel work.

Sandy Plains 1; Loray 1; Lowell 2; Mt. Zion 1; Belmont First 1; Bessemer City 1.

Respectfully,
JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

On motion the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following report on the Bible School

and Seminary at Dallas:

## REPORT ON THE BIBLE SCHOOL AND SEMINARY AT DALLAS.

We have had in mind for several years the founding of Bible School and Seminary at Dallas.

The Association has set its approval upon the idea without assuming any financial responsibility.

We are constantly pressing the idea, but the general financial depression has made it unwise to press the work of buildings just yet.

JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

On motion the report is adopted.

J. L. Vipperman offers the following Resolution of Thanks:

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Recognizing the fact that we have been so richly and enjoyably entertained by this church and the good people of Cherryville, Resolved, That we hereby extend our most profound appreciation and thanks to the Pastor, membership, and the good people generally for such excellent entertainment.

JUDSON L. VIPPERMAN.

D. F. Putnam makes motion that the Pastor and Church from which a member moves shall take the initiatory in securing a letter and the transfer of the membership of such person to the church in the community to which he has moved. Motion is adopted.

There being no further business the Association adjourned at 3:15 p. m. Benediction by C. A. Caldwell.

David P. Dellinger, Clerk W. J. Francis, Moderator.

The passing of Rev. C. Q. Rhyne, December 16, 1920, is an uncommon event in the life and history of the people of all callings and professions in Gaston County and the surrounding section.

The following is from The Gastonia Gazette, of Friday, December 17, 1920:

## REV. C. Q. RHYNE MEETS TRAGIC DEATH WHILE HUNTING WITH FRIENDS.

**Pastor of Lowell Baptist Church Accidentally Shot And Killed By T. G. Setzer, of Gastonia—Tragedy Occurred Near Maiden—Died Last Night In Lincolnton Hospital.**

Rev. Clarence Q. Rhyne, pastor of the Lowell Baptist church, met a tragic death yesterday when he was accidentally shot and killed by his companion and friend, T. G. Setzer, while they were out bird hunting at Oliver's Cross roads, seven miles out from Maiden, Catawba county. After receiving the loads from both barrels of a shot gun in his body he was taken as quickly as possible by automobile to the Lincolnton Hospital, where Dr. Henry F. Glenn, of Gastonia, and the hospital surgeons operated in an unsuccessful attempt to save his life. The accident occurred at 10:50 yesterday morning, he was operated on at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and died about 8:30 last night. The body was brought to the Ford Undertaking Company's establishment here last night and prepared for burial, later being removed to the residence of Mr. W. M. Bell, father-in-law of the deceased, on route four, where Mr. Rhyne made his home.

No blame attaches to Mr. Setzer for the lamentable occurrence, the killing having been purely accidental. Mr. Setzer himself is almost prostrated with grief over the tragedy. He and Mr. Rhyne were very close friends and had hunted together many times this fall. He is a machinist at the Piedmont Spinning Mill here and lives with his father-in-law, Mr. W. S. Smith, at 528 North Broad street. Mr. C. L. Jones, a farmer of that section, was out hunting with them and was present when the accident occurred.

Accompanied by Mr. Setzer and his younger brother, Floyd Setzer, Mr. Rhyne left here about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the party going in Mr. Setzer's car. Arriving at Mr. Jones' home they were joined by him and immediately started to the woods on a bird hunt. The dogs flushed a covey of birds and several were killed. The hunters then started out to get some single birds. Coming to a point where two trees stood about three feet apart Setzer stepped behind to let Rhyne pass between the trees first. Just at that moment Setzer noticed a dove flying overhead and, preparatory to taking a shot at it, pushed the safety on his gun as he raised it. In some manner which Mr. Setzer is unable to explain the gun fired when he pushed the safety. Both barrels

were discharged, the double load striking Rhyne in the left thigh and making a very ugly wound. A few of the shot also penetrated the large intestine, it was discovered when he was operated on.

Immediately after the accident the injured man was removed to the home of Mr. Tate Caldwell, about half a mile distant, and efforts were made to get a physician, but without success. Mr. Setzer's car, which was about two miles away, was gotten as quickly as possible and Mr. Rhyne was hurried to the Lincolnton Hospital. Assisting Mr. Setzer in getting Mr. Rhyne to the hospital were Floyd Setzer, C. L. Jones, Henry Jones and Henry Caldwell. Mr. Rhyne bled very little externally until the party neared Lincolnton, when he bled profusely. Internal hemorrhages, however, together with the fact that his intestines had been perforated, hastened his death.

Deceased was 30 years old and was a native of Gaston county. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Rhyne, who now live at Rockingham. He is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Mr. W. M. Bell, with whom they lived, and three young children; five brothers and two sisters, Messrs. Ed, Kelly, Elvin, Robert and Marshall Rhyne, Miss Ida Rhyne and another sister, who teaches at Rockingham. He was educated at South Fork Insitute, Maiden, and had been in the ministry for about four years, practically all of that time having been included in his pastorate at Lowell and Spencer Mountain. He was unusually popular at both of those appointments, which constitute one pastorate. He was a young man of many excellent qualities and was held in the very highest esteem not only by his parisioners, who were very devoted to him, but by all with whom he came in contact. He was designated by all as a fine fellow and his tragic death has cast a gloom over his congregations and his host of friends throughout the county.

At the time of going to press definite arrangements for the funeral had not been made, information as to the time of arrival of members of the family from the eastern part of the State being lacking. It is stated, however, that the funeral will be held some time tomorrow at the Bell home and interment will be in Hollywood cemetery here.

Brother Rhyne was regenerated early in life and baptized into the fellowship of the Long Creek (Memorial) Baptist Church. He was ordained to preach the Gospel on May 16, 1915 by a council called by the Dallas Baptist Church. Five churches were represented in the Council as follows: Dallas, Long Creek, First Gastonia, East Gastonia and Loray Gastonia. There were 19 messengers present in the ordination council: Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire, Rev. G. P. Abernathy, Rev. I. T. Newton, Rev. J. J. Beach and Brother J. R. Lewis.

Having known him from childhood and also having the pleasure of aiding him in a number of meetings beside quite a number of lecture courses conducted in his churches, I am deeply impressed to offer the following to the brotherhood in all good conscience.

1. He was indeed a magnificient Christian gentleman. Mighty forces of honor, purity, honesty, bravery, fidelity, truthfulness and righteousness were builded into his life. Truly he was a veritable Abner—a prince in the Israel of God.

2. He was one of the truest and best friends to be found in all the land. He deeply appreciated a friend and gloried in being a friend, and I think as true as David and Jonathan ever dared to be. To exaggerate at this point would indeed be difficult.

3. He was one of the most unselfish men to be found. How like some outstanding star did his real unselfishness appear in all our deliberative gatherings. So easy to discern that the kingdom was first with him. Many personal and touching incidents to this end could here be recited with abiding and refreshing effect.

4. He was also a devoted husband and father. How his wife and precious children weighted down his heart with loving, anxious care and consideration. I knew his soul so well at this angle of his life. How he has moved my soul upward at this point and in this phase of his life.

5. Then too, he believed gloriously the truth of God's word. He never sought to be wise above what was written. To a point that cannot well be expanded here and now. He believed the glorious doctrines which have made us great and the world better since the days when Jesus was here among men. Oh, how he was growing as a preacher. How we wil always be overshadowed by his loyalty, genuine efficiency, cheerfulness and fidelity in our 75-million drive, is a matter that can better be told in the record above and beyond the clouds than we mortals here are capable of expounding. What a source of inspiration he was to all our religious and social gatherings is written in fadeless letters of life in the minds of those who have been blessed with his presence in such gatherings. Never shall I forget the last address I ever heard him deliver in my Bible Conference, on "Loyalty to God's Word." Oh, how he ever loved and magnified the word of God. How I can now see his cheerful face shine as he recited such as Rom. 8:28; Heb. 13:5; Eph. 3:7; Col. 1:27; John 3:1-8; 2 Cor. 5:17; Tit. 3:5; Mat. 28: 18-20.

May the blessings of God be upon his blessed wife and children and on both sides of the house of this prince whose going has made earth poorer and heaven richer.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE BAPTIST PASTORS CONFERENCE
OF THE
GASTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, THROUGH
J. L. VIPPERMAN.

# SUNDAY SCHOOLS---NO. 1

| CHURCH | SUPERINTENDENT | SECRETARY |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Alexis | S. M. Stroup, Alexis | G. E. Hovis, Alexis |
| 2. Belmont, First | D. P. Stowe, Belmont | W. H. Stowe, Belmont |
| 3. Bessemer City | A. S. Ballard, Bessemer City | Miss Nell Dobbins, Bessemer City |
| 4. Bruington | J. O. Smith, Stanley | C. E. Spargo, Stanley |
| 5. Calvary | S. G. McAllister, Gastonia | Columbus Gardner, Gastonia |
| 6. Center View | J. J. Duncan, Belmont | Henry Roper, Belmont |
| 7. Cherryville | J. T. Allen, Cherryville | Dr. J. E. Holt, Cherryville |
| 8. Dallas | R. A. Lewis, Dallas | Miss May Durham, Dallas |
| 9. East Belmont | W. L. Chapman, Belmont | J. B. Brown, Belmont |
| 10. East Gastonia | W. L. Walters, Gastonia | D. M. Robinson, Gastonia |
| 11. First Gastonia | W H. Wray, Gastonia | Alex McLean, Gastonia |
| 12. Hickory Grove | B. J. Hovis, Lowell | L. M. Montgomery, Mt. Holly |
| 13. High Shoals | J. W. Wright, High Shoals | W. P. Carpenter, High Shoals |
| 14. Hull's Grove | S. H. Upton, No. 3, Henry | Hettie Talent, No. 1, Henry |
| 15. Long Creek Memorial | F. M. Pasour, Sr., Dallas | Ben T. Lineberger, Dallas |
| 16. Lucia \|\| | B. L. Miller, Davidson | |
| 17. Loray | W. Lee Smith, Gastonia | Edna Gardner, Gastonia |
| 18. Lowell | R. L. Featherston, Lowell | H. H. Roberts, Lowell |
| 19. Cramerton | W. R. Bush, Cramerton | R. M. Love, Cramerton |
| 20. McAdenville | T. L. Austin, McAdenville | D. E. Rhyne, McAdenville |
| 21. Mount Beulah | E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City | J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City |
| 22. Mount Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mount Holly | C. H. Hoover, Mount Holly |
| 23. Ranlo | Union School | |
| 24. Sandy Plains | J. C. Millen, No. 1, Lowell | A. B. Hoffman, No. 3, Gastonia |
| 25. Shady Grove | D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville | F. P. Foster, Cherryville |
| 26. South Marietta, Gastonia | W. P. Glover, Gastonia | G. A. Howell, Gastonia |
| 27. Mount Zion | D. H. Dellinger, No. 1, Cherryville | Edna Helms, No. 1, Cherryville |
| 28. Spencer Mountain | W. L. Abernethy, Lowell | W. G. Flowers, Lowell, N. C. |
| 29. Tuckaseege | J. D. Smith, No. 2, Mount Holly | Lunday Bumgardner, Mount Holly |

| CHURCH | No. of Schools | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Total Enrollment | Church Members in S. S. | Months Open | Bap. from S. S. | School Expenses | Missions | Orphanage | Other Objects | Total Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Alexis | 1 | 11 | 162 | 173 | 48 | 12 | 7 | 47.55 | ..... | 12.44 | 10.75 | 70.74 |
| 2. Belmont, First | 1 | 12 | 275 | 288 | 125 | 12 | 2 | 108.73 | ..... | 128.25 | 37.20 | 274.18 |
| 3. Bessemer City | 1 | 16 | 288 | 304 | 175 | 12 | 3 | 140.00 | ..... | 120.00 | 555.07 | 815.07 |
| 4. Bmington | 1 | 12 | 116 | 128 | 100 | 12 | 7 | 65.30 | ..... | 157.00 | ..... | 222.30 |
| 5. Calvary | 1 | 9 | 254 | 263 | 95 | 12 | 1 | 66.96 | ..... | 5.82 | 11.00 | 83.78 |
| 6. Center View | 1 | 7 | 95 | 102 | 34 | 12 | 1 | 69.84 | ..... | ..... | 100.00 | 169.84 |
| 7. Cherryville | 1 | 15 | 277 | 292 | 150 | 12 | 4 | 85.96 | 100.00 | 78.60 | 333.30 | 597.86 |
| 8. Dallas | 1 | 11 | 139 | 159 | 70 | 12 | | 163.28 | ..... | 176.10 | 95.65 | 435 03 |
| 9. East Belmont | 1 | 25 | 535 | 560 | 200 | 12 | 51 | 431.02 | ..... | 311.61 | ..... | 742.63 |
| 10. East Gastonia | 1 | 24 | 580 | 604 | 275 | 12 | 13 | 523.95 | ..... | 385.63 | ..... | 909.58 |
| 11. First Gastonia | 1 | 20 | 531 | 551 | 300 | 12 | | 1139.56 | ..... | 855.63 | 487.50 | 2,482.69 |
| 12. Hickory Grove | 2 | 13 | 151 | 164 | 69 | 12 | 12 | 79.84 | ..... | 37.58 | 54.87 | 172.29 |
| 13. High Shoals | 1 | 10 | 160 | 170 | 100 | 12 | 5 | 110.90 | ..... | 12.32 | ..... | 123.22 |
| 14. Hull's Grove | 1 | 8 | 109 | 117 | 60 | 6 | | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | |
| 15. Long Creek Memorial | 1 | 14 | 200 | 214 | 100 | 12 | 3 | 202.96 | 39.50 | 11.00 | 405.03 | 658.49 |
| 16. Lucia ‖ | 1 | 6 | 20 | 26 | 6 | 6 | | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | |
| 17. Loray | 1 | 15 | 763 | 778 | 350 | 12 | 20 | 668.08 | ..... | ..... | 195.36 | 863.44 |
| 18. Lowell | 1 | 12 | 254 | 266 | 85 | 12 | 12 | 86.97 | ..... | 10.00 | 513.97 | 610.94 |
| 19. Cramerton | 1 | 15 | 293 | 308 | 144 | 12 | 50 | 172.58 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 172.58 |
| 20. McAdenville | 1 | 12 | 276 | 288 | 175 | 12 | 26 | 213.15 | 35.70 | ..... | 425.41 | 674.26 |
| 21. Mount Beulah | 1 | 9 | 100 | 109 | 75 | 12 | 5 | 40.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 40.00 |
| 22. Mount Holly | 1 | 12 | 160 | 172 | 80 | 12 | 4 | 175.71 | 12.00 | 127.00 | 312.29 | 627.00 |
| 23. Ranlo | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | |
| 24. Sandy Plains | 1 | 11 | 131 | 142 | 92 | 12 | 11 | 64.89 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 64.89 |
| 25. Shady Grove | 1 | 5 | 40 | 45 | 35 | 9 | 8 | 12.49 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12.49 |
| 26. South Marietta, Gastonia | 1 | 14 | 294 | 308 | 100 | 12 | | 103.49 | 7.36 | 84.50 | 96.00 | 291.35 |
| 27. Mount Zion | 1 | 8 | 76 | 84 | 40 | 12 | 1 | 23.70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23.70 |
| 28. Spencer Mountain | 1 | 9 | 151 | 160 | 40 | 12 | 23 | 169.30 | ..... | ..... | 62.02 | 231.32 |
| 29. Tuckaseege | 1 | 7 | 147 | 154 | 30 | 12 | 2 | 124.94 | 12.83 | 36.24 | ..... | 174.01 |
| ‖ No report, 1920 figures used | | 343 | 6577 | 6920 | 3113 | | 306 | $5903.15 | 2207.39 | $2550.72 | $3695.42 | $11,543.68 |

# STATISTICAL TABLE---NO. 1

| CHURCH | | Pastor | Clerk |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Alexis | 1903 | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C. | S. M. Stroup, Alexis |
| 2. Belmont, First | 1874 | G. H. Johnson, Belmont | W. H. Stowe, Belmont |
| 3. Bessemer City | | W. W. Williams, Bessemer City | J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City |
| 4. Bruington | 1853 | W. W. Rimmer, Stanley | J. O. Smith, Stanley |
| 5. Center View | 1921 | A. E. Teague, Belmont | W. B. Duncan, Belmont |
| 6. Cherryville | 1893 | D. F. Putman, Cherryville | David P. Dellinger, Cherryville |
| 7. Dallas | 1877 | J. L. Vipperman, Dallas | J. R. Lewis, Dallas |
| 8. East Belmont | 1912 | R. G. Mace, Belmont | C. E. Lee, Belmont |
| 9. First Gastonia | 1884 | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia | Emery B. Denny, Gastonia |
| 10. HickoryGrove | 1913 | W. B. McClure, Alexis | J. Lee Abernethy, Lowell |
| 11. High Shoals | 1902 | W. W. Rimmer, Stanley Creek | A. S. Hendricks, High Shoals |
| 12. Long Creek Memorial | 1772 | J. L. Vipperman, Dallas | A. R. Holland, Dallas |
| 13. Lucia \|\| | | C. L. Taylor, Mt. Holly | W. B. McIntosh, Mt. Holly N. C. |
| 14. Loray | 1905 | C. J. Black, Gastonia | J. Mack Jenkins, Gastonia |
| 15. Lowell | 1892 | J. J. Waldrop, Lowell | J. R. Blair, Lowell |
| 16. East Gastonia | | T. H. King, Gastonia | A. McCoy, Gastonia |
| 17. Cramerton | 1911 | J. P. Bennett, Cramerton | R. L. Leeper, Cramerton |
| 18. McAdenville | 1887 | C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville | D. T. Lawrence, McAdenville |
| 19. Mount Beulah | 1916 | J. L. Vipperman, Dallas | J. A. Ramsey, Bessemer City |
| 20. Mount Holly | 1890 | C. A. G. Thomas, Mt. Holly | S. Q. McCraw, Mt. Holly |
| 21. Mt. Zion | | A. W. Setzer, Maiden | D. H. Dellinger, No. 1, Cherryville |
| 22. Ranlo | 1917 | M. L. Barnes, Gastonia | O. G. Payseur, Gastonia |
| 23. Sandy Plains | 1863 | C. J. Black, Gastonia | N. A. Jenkins, Gastonia |
| 24. Shady Grove | | A. W. Setzer, Maiden | D. R. Stroup, No. 2, Cherryville |
| 25. South Marietta, Gastonia | 1917 | W. P. McCarter, Gastonia | G. H. Logan, Gastonia |
| 26. Spencer Mountain | 1909 | C. L. Taylor, No. 2, Mt. Holly | Iven Hoffman, Lowell |
| 27. Tuckaseege | 1911 | C. L. Taylor, No. 2 Mount Holly | J. D. Smith, Mt. Holly |
| 28. Calvary, Gastonia | 919 | M. L. Barnes, Gastonia | W. A. Marley, Gastonia |
| 29. Hull's Grove | | A. W. Setzer, Maiden | D. A. Hull, Henry |

# STATISTICAL TABLE---NO. 2

| CHURCH | Time of Preaching | Value of Church Property | GAINS | | | LOSSES | | | No. of Males | No. of Females | Total Membrship |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Baptism | Letter | Restoration | Letter | Exclusion | Deaths | | | |
| 1. Alexis | 1-3 | 2,000.00 | 7 | 1 | .. | 7 | .. | 1 | 54 | 74 | 128 |
| 2. Belmont, First | * | 22,518.40 | 4 | 13 | .. | 19 | 1 | 2 | 102 | 133 | 235 |
| 3. Bessemer City | * | 10,000.00 | 47 | 26 | 2 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 143 | 228 | 371 |
| 4. Bruington | 1-3 | 2,000.00 | 16 | 11 | .. | 4 | | 2 | 84 | 102 | 186 |
| 5. Center View | 1-3 | ..... | 1 | 3 | .. | ... | .. | .. | 18 | 22 | 40 |
| 6. Cherryville | * | 75,000.00 | 23 | 28 | .. | 21 | 4 | 1 | 149 | 232 | 381 |
| 7. Dallas | 2-4 | 25,000.00 | ... | 2 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 78 | 85 | 163 |
| 8. East Belmont | * | 10,000.00 | 56 | 43 | 3 | 39 | 10 | 1 | 142 | 259 | 401 |
| 9. First Gastonia | * | 30,000.00 | 15 | 90 | .. | 40 | 4 | 1 | 259 | 391 | 650 |
| 10. HickoryGrove | 2-4 | 2,500.00 | 12 | 19 | .. | 11 | .. | 2 | 84 | 82 | 166 |
| 11. High Shoals | 2-4 | 4,000.00 | 12 | 9 | .. | 9 | .. | .. | 45 | 88 | 133 |
| 12. Long Creek Memorial | 1-3 | 55,000.00 | 10 | ... | .. | 13 | .. | .. | 100 | 148 | 248 |
| 13. Lucia \|\| | | 1,000.00 | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. | .. | 20 | 24 | 44 |
| 14. Loray | * | 26,500.00 | 32 | 168 | 19 | 69 | 4 | 1 | 227 | 325 | 552 |
| 15. Lowell | * | 9,650.00 | 27 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 64 | 113 | 177 |
| 16. East Gastonia | * | 75,000.00 | 16 | 68 | 4 | 37 | 3 | 1 | 200 | 275 | 475 |
| 17. Cramerton | * | 50.000.00 | 66 | 32 | 6 | 17 | 2 | .. | 96 | 124 | 220 |
| 18. McAdenville | * | 5,729.00 | 27 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 36 | 6 | 104 | 160 | 264 |
| 19. Mount Beulah | 1-3 | 4,000.00 | 12 | 2 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 60 | 54 | 114 |
| 20. Mount Holly | * | 10,000.00 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 17 | .. | .. | 141 | 152 | 293 |
| 21. Mt. Zion | 2 | 4,000.00 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | .. | 2 | 54 | 78 | 132 |
| 22. Ranlo | * | 1,000.00 | 5 | 23 | .. | | .. | .. | 32 | 67 | 99 |
| 23. Sandy Plains | 2-4 | 1,500.00 | 11 | 8 | .. | 11 | .. | 3 | 91 | 96 | 187 |
| 24. Shady Grove | 1 | 800.00 | 10 | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | 55 | 49 | 94 |
| 25. South Marietta, Gastonia | * | 18,000.00 | 4 | 36 | .. | 24 | 2 | 1 | 65 | 115 | 180 |
| 26. Spencer Mountain | 1-3 | ..... | 23 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 24 | 47 | 71 |
| 27. Tuckaseege | 2-4 | 5,000.00 | 8 | 12 | .. | 7 | .. | .. | 36 | 48 | 84 |
| 28. Calvary, Gastonia | * | 800.00 | 8 | 46 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 42 | 77 | 119 |
| 29. Hull's Grove | 3 | 1,200.00 | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. | .. | 33 | 66 | 99 |
| | | $451,397.40 | 457 | 682 | 36 | 420 | 72 | 31 | 2602 | 3716 | 6318 |

|| No report. Last years figures used. * Every Sunday

# FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | Pastor's Salary | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | S. S. Expenses | The Poor | Minute Fund ** | Other Objects | 75 Million (Unsegregated) | State and Associat'l Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Orphanage | Christian Education | Minister's Relief | Hospitals | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Alexia | 224.00 | | 5.00 | 47.55 | 4.75 | | 50.00 | 336.27 | | | 2.31 | 12.44 | | | | 682.32 |
| 2. Belmont, First | 2,000.00 | 518.40 | 400.97 | 108.73 | 8.55 | 10.00 | 951.70 | 2,750.58 | | | 102.33 | 217.03 | | | | 7,068.29 |
| 3. Bessemer City | 2,000.00 | 1,381.53 | 424.74 | 110.00 | | 14.84 | 237.00 | 515.50 | 56.67 | 38.00 | 16.35 | 195.00 | 5.00 | | 5.00 | 5,076.73 |
| 4. Bruington | 900.00 | | 35.75 | 65.30 | 12.00 | | 203.19 | 597.85 | | | | 157.00 | 77.50 | | | 2,048.59 |
| 5. Center View | 20.00 | | 14.80 | 69.84 | | 1.10 | 100.00 | | | | | | | | | 205.74 |
| 6. Cherryville | 2,000.00 | 18,416.81 | 72.13 | 85.96 | | 15.37 | 437.50 | 550.00 | 132.30 | 31.65 | 75.95 | 136.60 | 15.70 | | | 21,907.17 |
| 7. Dallas | 1,000.00 | | 235.32 | 168.28 | 64.30 | 5.00 | 151.65 | 1,000.00 | | | | 176.10 | | | | 2,795.63 |
| 8. East Belmont | 2,600.00 | 529.81 | 510.75 | 431.02 | | 1.25 | | 560.74 | | | | 611.61 | | | | 4,945.18 |
| 9. East Gastonia | 3,200.00 | 4,065.42 | 487.06 | 523.95 | 47.05 | 18.72 | 537.22 | | | | | 365.63 | | | | 9,360.35 |
| 10. First Gastonia | 2,937.50 | 10,947.05 | 3,238.00 | 1,139.56 | | 21.12 | 487.50 | 10,194.37 | | | | 655.63 | | | | 29,821.83 |
| 11. Hickory Grove | 330.28 | | 52.40 | 70.84 | 30.50 | | 117.37 | 487.15 | | | | 67.56 | | | | 1,141.12 |
| 12. High Shoals | 1,000.00 | 30.07 | 40.13 | 110.10 | | 1.60 | | 280.30 | | | | 32.63 | | | | 1,510.13 |
| 13. Long Creek Memorial | 1,001.00 | 7,410.95 | 171.45 | 202.96 | | 9.92 | 427.50 | 30.50 | 39.50 | | | 11.00 | | | | 9,310.00 |
| 14. Lucia * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,000.00 |
| 15. Loray | 3,300.00 | 2,142.70 | | 668.08 | 210.00 | 16.30 | 1,701.04 | 2,072.37 | 74.00 | 18.03 | 57.85 | 395.56 | 141.50 | | | 11,750.29 |
| 16. Lowell | 1,113.22 | 240.44 | 154.33 | 86.94 | 29.87 | | 206.00 | | 210.00 | 65.00 | 160.00 | 100.00 | 10.00 | 40.00 | 10.00 | 3,481.80 |
| 17. Cramerton | 1,095.55 | | 51.83 | 142.58 | 12.00 | 5.00 | 721.03 | 248.52 | | | | | | | | 2,305.99 |
| 18. McAdenville | 2,062.50 | 36.00 | 142.55 | 213.15 | 54.11 | | 011.12 | 1,300.24 | | | | 98.70 | | | | 4,023.37 |
| 19. Mount Beulah | 400.00 | 140.00 | | 10.00 | 12.00 | 2.00 | | 355.09 | | | | | | | | 940.00 |
| 20. Mount Holly | 1,552.25 | 862.84 | 304.08 | 175.71 | 21.95 | 4.00 | 75.00 | 688.98 | 12.00 | | | 130.00 | | 30.92 | | 3,858.00 |
| 21. Mount Zion | 300.00 | | 20.25 | 23.70 | | 4.20 | | 208.90 | | | | | | | | 563.14 |
| 22. Ranlo | 600.00 | 314.03 | 15.00 | | | 3.00 | 1.00 | 117.65 | | | | 68.54 | | | | 1,118.22 |
| 23. Sandy Plains | 400.00 | | 0 00 | 64.80 | 25.00 | 5.00 | 90.30 | 237.80 | | | | 65.00 | | | | 894.10 |
| 24. Shady Grove | 200.00 | 23.00 | | 12.49 | | 3.04 | 111.50 | 316.80 | | | | | | | | 667.43 |
| 25. South Marietta, Gastonia | 801.50 | 860.30 | 121.05 | 103.49 | | 9.20 | 325.60 | 51.51 | 48.01 | | | 64.50 | | | | 2,804.10 |
| 26. Spencer Mountain | 240.98 | | | 109.30 | 73.00 | 1.00 | 35 12 | 97.00 | | | 62.02 | | | | | 679.32 |
| 27. Tuckaseege | 450.00 | 500.00 | 50.00 | 124 91 | | 1 50 | 80 00 | 170.32 | 12.83 | | | 36.24 | | | | 1,425.83 |
| 28. Calvary, Gastonia | 000.00 | 344.00 | 108.70 | 66.96 | 68.00 | 3 00 | 70.25 | 105.00 | | 17.00 | 10.00 | 15.32 | | | | 1,400.69 |
| 20. Hull's Grove * | 150.00 | | | 12 00 | | 2.00 | | 68.75 | | | | | | | | 252.75 |
| | $32,545 05 | $48,776 61 | $6,675.55 | $5,102 32 | $674 88 | $163 85 | $7,718 65 | $23,409.75 | $585.51 | $171.68 | $488.81 | $3,523.81 | $240.70 | $70.02 | $15.00 | $133,219 81 |

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Vice Moderator ..... C. J. Black, Gastonia, N. C.

Clerk ..... David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.

Treasurer ..... W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. J. Francis; W. C. Barrett; R. G. Mace; T. H. King; C. J. Black; D. F. Putnam; E. C. Andrews; F. M. Pasour, Jr., and R. F. Craig.

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J. M. Ballard, Alexis.
J. P. Bennett, Cramerton.
A. P. Baumgartner, Gastonia.
M. L. Barnes, Gastonia.
J. W. Davis, Kings Mountain.
E. C. Hinson, Gastonia.
A. R. Holland, Gastonia.
G. H. Johnson, Belmont.
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W. B. McClure, Alexis.
I. C. Miller, Patterson.
W .W. Rimmer, Stanley.
A. W. Setzer, Maiden.
C. L. Taylor, Stanley.
J. L. Vipperman, Dallas.
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J. J. Waldrop, Lowell.
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W. J. Hopkins, Mt. Holly.
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D. B. Tritt, Mars Hill.
E. A. Teague, Belmont.
L. A. Bangle, Lincolnton.

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## MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Fourth Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association is held with the Cramerton Baptist Church, at Cramerton, North Carolina, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17 and 18, 1922, and is called to order on Tuesday morning at 10:15 o'clock, by the Moderator, W. J. Francis.

Devotional service is conducted by the moderator and another prayer by C. J. Black. The song service is led by J. J. Waldrop.

H. E. Waldrop and M. L. Barnes are appoined a committee on Enrollment of Delegates and Visitors. For the morning session they report an enrollment of 94 delegates and 58 visitors.

The next order of business is the election of officers and the following were unanimously elected to serve for the coming year: W. J. Francis, Moderator; C. J. Black, Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger, Clerk, and W. L. Walters, Treasurer.

The churches represented and delegates enrolled during the sessions are as follows:

ALEXIS—A. L. McAlister, S. M. Stroup, Mrs. S. M. Stroup, J. W. Abernethy.

BELMONT FIRST—W. J. Francis, R. B. Suggs, J. E. Brown, D. P. Stowe.

EAST BELMONT—R. G. Mace, R. M. Ramsey, R. E. Ingram, J. A. Funderburk.

BESSEMER CITY—W. W. Williams, W. E. Hull, Jennie Bell, Ethel Carpenter, Mrs. W. W. Williams.

BRUINGTON—R. F. Craig, W. W. Rimmer, C. L. Taylor.

CENTER VIEW—E. A. Teague, L. W. O'Daniel, J. J. Duncan, Mrs. J. J. Duncan.

CHERRYVILLE—D. F. Putnam, W. J. T. Styers, David P. Dellinger.

CRAMERTON—J. P. Bennett, S. M. Scoggins, R. M. Lowe, W. L. Beach, Lawrence Stone, Rebecca Ensley, W. T. Keeter, Ethel Beatty.

DALLAS—R. S. Lewis, W. E. Rhyne, P. D. Summey.

CALVARY, GASTONIA—Ray Marley, M. L. Barnes.

EAST GASTONIA—T. H. King, Augustus McCoy.

FIRST, GASTONIA—W. C. Barrett, Mrs. Joe S. Wray, Mrs. M. O. Thornburg, W. H. Wray, Mrs. W. H. Wray, H. O. Isenhower.

SOUTH MARIETTA, GASTONIA—W. P. McCarter, J. B. Ham, T. C. Smith.

HICKORY GROVE—W. B. McClure, L. M. Montgomery.

HIGH SHOALS—A. S. Kendrick, M. C. Dellinger, Mrs. M. C. Dellinger, Mrs. L. V. Taylor, Blanche Sherrill.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—F. M. Pasour, Jr., A. R. Holland, T. S. Summey.

LORAY—C. J. Black, F. N Wood, D. A. Grigg, Jacob L. Alexander, L. J. Waldrop.

LOWELL—W. H. Usery, J. J. Waldrop, A. E. Clemmer

LUCIA

McADENVILLE—H. E. Waldrop, T. B. Skidmore, H. W. Skidmore, Ollie Deaton, Joe Rhyne, W. R. Hinson, J. W. Rankin.

MOUNT BEAULAH—W. P. Biggerstaff, Mrs. B. H. Carpenter.

MOUNT HOLLY—E. C. Andrews, E. N. Fisher.

MOUNT ZION—C. J. Dellinger, Lee Wacaster, A. W. Setzer.

RANLO—F. L. Smith, Alma E. Clark, L. B. Norwood.

SANDY PLAINS—J. A. Parish, J. G. Glover.

SHADY GROVE—D. C. Sellers, L. P. Wright, D. M. Witherspoon, Mrs. D. M. Witherspoon, Joseph Mauney.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—William Pasour, C. Y. Smith.

TUCKASEEGE—C. H. Mullis.

HULL'S GROVE—T. B. Hull, Mrs. Ollie Brendel.

The following visitors are enrolled:

W. P. Biggerstaff, Mount Beaulah; C. F. Thomas, Bruington; Robert L. Lemmons, Salisbury; Mrs. M. E. Lay, Lowell; Mrs. E. C. Smith, Cramerton; Mrs. W. L. Beach, Cramerton; Mrs. H. C. Murphy, Center View; Callie Skidmore, Center View; H. C. Murphy, Center View; Mrs. R. H. Nutall, Cramerton; G. W. Wright, Shady Grove; D. B. Harwell, Sandy Plains; Tod Brittain, McAdenville; Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, Sanford; Rev. J. Marcus Kester, pastor First Church, Shelby; Daniel Allen Tedder, Shelby; S. F. Conrad from Ninth Avenue Church, of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association; Dr. Livingston Johnson, Raleigh; W. E. Hudspeth, Lowell; T. N. Newton, Ed. Rumfeldt, McAdenville; Miss Fida Hope, Centerview; Mrs. C. O. Fisher, Cramerton; George Leeper, Belmont; Mrs. R. L. Leeper, Belmont; R. H. Nutall, Cramerton; Mrs. Reid Lowell; Rev. J. O. Fulbright, pastor, First church, Kings Mountain; Rev. A. H. Sims, Kings Mountain; Carrie Cald-

well, Cramerton; Arnold Kincaid, Cramerton; Violet Holland, Cramerton; Gordia Bradshaw, Cramerton; Myrtle Cashion, Cramerton; Frost Pasour, Long Creek Memorial; Nella Mae Holland, Long Creek Memorial; Mrs. Clarence Smith, First, Gastonia; Bell Wright, Shady Grove; Vada Wright, Shady Grove; Mrs. J. L. Hoffman, Lowell; S. M. Ramsey, Lowell; Nannie Abee, Cramerton; Ruth Abee, Cramerton; Clevia Beach, Cramerton; Mrs. M. A. Harwell, McAdenville; Mrs. R. B. Dameron, Sandy Plains; Mrs. T. P. Skidmore, McAdenville; R. L. Smith, Halifax; J. C. Jordan, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. B. P. Pace, Refuge, N. C.; Harvey Young, Calvary Church, Spencer; J. A. Perkins, Center View; Edward Rimmer, Stallings Memorial; Rev. C. A. Ryne, pastor, Stallings Memorial church, South Yadkin Association; J. D. Huggins, superintendent Boiling Springs High School; W. H. Stowe, Belmont; T. O. Crowell, Belmont; C. A. Pendleton, Cramerton; W. W. Abernethy, Hickory Grove; Nell Barbee, Loray, Gastonia.

Next in order is one of a series of Lectures provided for at the last session of the Association. Dr. J. Marcus Kester, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, delivers his first lecture at the eleven o'clock hour, the subject being, "The Church of To-Day; It's Responsibility, and It's Task." The subject was handled in a very able manner, to the uplift and gratification of all present.

The Association adjourns at 12:05 to meet at 1:00 p. m. Prayer by W. C. Barrett.

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## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association is called to order promptly at one o'clock by the moderator. Devotional services conducted by H. E. Waldrop. Prayer by M. L. Barnes.

The Boiling Springs High School Quartette composed of Joe D. Hamrick, first tenor, D. Frank Barnes, second tenor, J. Carl Jordan, first bass and G. Roland Hamrick, second bass, rendered a selection to the delight of all present.

A. W. Setzer reads the following report on

## BIBLICAL RECORDER.

It may be that there was a time when The Recorder was simply a Baptist newspaper, but if so, that time has long since ceased

to be. The Recorder is a Baptist Institution—an indispensable agency for the propagation of the New Testament gospel and Baptist beliefs. From the days of Meredith, its founder, until now, the Recorder has been in the vanguard of every denominational endeavor.

The usefulness of the paper to the denomination is greatly circumscribed by the fact that there are so many of our people who do not read it. Every denominational interest is quickened by every enlargement of its subscription list. There is an influence that radiates from the very presence of the paper that will brighten and bless every home that receives its weekly visits. For the sake of the Kingdom, as well as that of personal religious achievements, we most earnestly commend The Recorder to all our Baptist people.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. SETZER, Chairman.

Motion to adopt the report is discussed by Dr. Livingston Johnson, editor of The Biblical Recorder, S. F. Conrad and W. W. Rimmer, and is adopted.

David P. Dellinger, for the Treasurer, W. L. Walters, reads the following:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit to you herewith my report as treasurer of the Association for the year ending September 30, 1922:

**Receipts**

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| From churches for Minute fund | $137.47 |
| From David P. Dellinger—Cut of Cherryville Church | 5.75 |
| Total receipts | $143.22 |

**Disbursements**

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| Brumley-Walters Printing Company: | |
| Program 1921 Session | $ 2.25 |
| Digest of Letters—1921 Session | 10.00 |
| Printing Minutes—1921 Session | 95.00 |
| Bierman Engraving Company: | |
| Cut Cherryville Church | 5.75 |
| David P. Dellinger: | |
| Services as Clerk and part expense | 30.22 |
| Total | $143.22 |

NOTE: The Association was to pay to clerk his expense for mailing minutes and $25.00 services as clerk. This expense was $7.50, which leaves a balance due Mr. Dellinger of $2.28.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. WALTERS, Treasurer.

The report is adopted.

W. H. Wray reads the following:

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A review of the Sunday School work in our State and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention does not give us anything to boast of—but presents unlimited opportunities for service.

Those of us constituting the Gaston County Association have one of the very best records, to which we may piont with pride and even then we have a wonderful field for work and one that requires the very best that is in us.

When we realize that the total Baptist membership in the South is 6,162,500 and that the Sunday School enrollment is only 3,270,567 or 2,891,933 less than our church membership—we are confronted with a tremendous task for the Sunday Schools and their workers.

In our own State with a membership of 299,364 our Sunday School enrollment is 220,081 or 79,283 less than our church membership. These figures were taken from the Annual of the North Carolina State Convention, whose figures are not entirely correct and we really have over 100,000 church members who do not attend our Sunday Schools.

Gaston County Association reported last year a total church membership of 6,318 and Sunday School enrollment of 6,920 or 602 more than our church membership. This is a splendid record for our association and of the 66 associations in North Carolina, only two rank with us in this respect, namely, Mecklenburg-Cabarrus and Piedmont.

Of the 6,920 enrolled in Sunday School last year—only 3,113 were church members. Where were the 3,807?

From these facts, you will get an insight to the work confronting us. The Big task is that of enlisting our church membership.

We must not neglect our children and young people nor fail to provide the necessary equipment for their training. The Sunday School is our greatest agency for the building of Christian characters and it is here that we must shape and train these young and precious souls for service in the Master's cause—especially is this true if we are ever to Win the World for Christ—for judging from our past record we can not depend on some of our church members, but rather we must begin now and train them for the service.

Our needs in Sunday School work—as suggested by your committee:

First—A well planned and strenuous Campaign for the enlistment of our church membership in our Sunday Schools.

Second—Thorough organization—First, organize your Officers and Teachers. Impress upon your teachers their responsibility and urge a careful preparation for the teaching of the lesson. Second, a Teacher's Council or Cabinet meeting at least once a

month, weekly better. Discuss ways and means for the betterment of your school; exchange ideas, etc.

Third—Organize Classes, for it is through the organized class that we can do some of our most effective work in enlisting our church members.

Fourth—Stimulate interest in your School by an attractive Program every Sunday. Make it so interesting as to create a desire for Sunday School in the hearts and minds of your people.

Fifth—Closer relationship between the Sunday Schools of our association. An organization of the Superintendents for promoting the best interest of our schools.

Sixth—Evangelism should be the main objective in the work of every Sunday School and every officer and teacher should read the best books obtainable on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WRAY, Chairman.

The motion to adopt is discussed briefly by W. H. Wray and is adopted.

In connection with the Sunday School subject W. W. Williams offers the following

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, a Gaston County Baptist Association Sunday School Convention is needed in our association, and, whereas some members of our association believe that such Convention is practicable and necessary, be it resolved by the Gaston County Baptist Association:

1. That a committee of three be appointed to take this matter under advisement.

2. That this committee be empowered to select the best place offered by our churches to hold the first meeting, and to make definite arrangements for holding this meeting next spring or early summer. Also, that this committee be empowered to arrange program for said convention.

3. That the Baptist Sunday schools of the county be urged to send representatives to this meeting.

The resolution is unanimously adopted.

A selection, "Child Come Home," is beautifully rendered by the Boiling Springs High School Quartette.

W. P. McCarter reads the following report on

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The field is the world"—these were the striking words of Jesus in His parable of the Kingdom. The Christian task is a

world task. A Christian vision is a world vision. Jesus came to save the world; He commissioned His deciples to go forth and win the world. Our task as desciples of His is not completed until we have gone into every part of the world with the Gospel story of Christ.

The only thing in which this year has not been the greatest year of all for Foreign Missions is in receipts. These have fallen below last year which was the high-water mark in contributions for Foreign Missions. But in the faithfulness of the missionaries, the blessings of God upon their labors, the growth of missionary institutions, the converts which have been baptized, growth and development of native Christians, there has been growth beyond any year of the 77 years of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission work. We have on the Foreign field 622 churches, 7,891 baptisms, 64,251 members, 53,691 Sunday school scholars, native contributions $465,235. We have 97 colleges with 26,996 students enrolled.

These figures are véry gratifying to Southern Baptists. It should inspire us to do greater things for God in the way of Foreign Missions. Last year Southern Baptist receipts amounted to $1,719,106.13. That is what we give to evangelize the outside world. (North Carolina gave of that amount $225,310.70)

The constantly and rapidly increasing number of young men and young women who are volunteering for foreign mission service, as beautiful as this fact is, threatens us with a crisis of the most serious sort if something to match is not done. There are now in the schools of the south 969 young men and women who are Foreign Mission volunteers and are looking forward to service in the fields of the board within a few years; some of them being candidates for appointment next year, and others in succession. These student volunteers range in their preparation all the way from college freshmen to candidates for degrees in theological seminaries, universities and medical schools. The number given does not include the large number in high schools. The number of qualified and available missionary volunteers may be expected to increase with each advancing year unless the consecration of student life is discouraged by a crisis in the shortage of funds. A debt on the board years ago caused a great falling off of volunteers, and the 75 Million Campaign revived the volunteer spirit quickly, and has given us the largest number of candidates we have ever had and perhaps a larger number than any mission board ever had before.

Shall Southern Baptists confess that they are not able to use the products of their schools, and by such confession effectually dampen this rising tide of enthusiasm for foreign mission service which it now witnesses among the younger people in our schools and churches? Shall we say that the consecration such as this which leads young men and women to give their lives to the Savior for a lost world is too expensive? Shall we discourage it by leaving the board unable to use their consecration on the mission fields where men are being lost because we have waited? God forbid that we should. May we have the Spirit and courage of Caleb: "Let us go up and take the land for we are well able." The cry is coming from Europe as never before for help. Almost the entire East is looking to Southern Baptist for the Gospel of the Son

of God. May Southern Baptist hear the cry of the Near East as Paul heard the Masedonian cry at Troas.

We ought to do all in our power to contribute our pledges to the 75 Million Campaign and not let the work suffer on account of our negligence. Consider the Lord's work and give as he has prospered us.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. McCARTER, Chairman.

C. J. Black reads the report on

## STATE MISSIONS.

We have had a splendid year in our State Mission work. There are signs of progress all along the State Mission firing line. We have been behind with our contributions, but our pastors have been prosecuting the work without any hesitation whatever. Hundreds have been converted and hundreds have been baptized into the fellowship of the churches receiving help. We feel that we have very much to be thankful for.

We have four fields in our Association the Board is aiding. They are the following: Center View; Calvary-Ranlo; Mt. Zion-Shady Grove-Hull's Grove, and South Marietta. The following is a digest of the report of the work done by each of these churches:

Center View, Rev. A. E. Teague, pastor. This church received twelve by baptism and contributed $227.93 to the object of the convention.

Calvary and Ranlo, Rev. M. L. Barnes, pastor. Calvary finished paying for a $400 lot and bought a jitney, organized a Y. W. A. and G. A., increased in collections for church expense $600 over last year and is now carrying enough Building & Loan to erect a house and expects to build this house late this fall or early next spring. They had 45 additions, 310 in Sunday school, a strong B. Y. P. U. and a Missionary Society and are beginning to work the Home Department and Cradle Roll. When school was in session they reduced the appropriation because their pastor was superintendent of public schools in that end of town. Ranlo has erected a new church building this year at a cost of $7,500 with but $250 outside help. This building contains eight class rooms, auditorium and other conveniences. In July they organized a Sunday school with 266 scholars, they now have 304. They have a good B. Y. P. U., a Missionary Society and a prayer meeting. A large per cent of the members of the church are active in each of these. They have made a net gain of 43 members during the year and have plans for all of the organizations of an A-1 Baptist church.

Mt .Zion, Shady Grove and Hull's Grove, Rev. A. W. Setzer, pastor. Great progress has been made on this field. Bro. Setzer reports that the outlook is much better than it was a year ago. The every-member canvass results were fine. A B. Y. P. U. and a Teacher's Training Class has been organized at Shady Grove and Hull's Grove. Good meetings were held in all of the churches on this field. Shady Grove baptized nine, Mt. Zion 14, Hull's Grove seven, making a total of 30 on the field. One of these churches did more for the 75 Million Fund this year than it did last year.

South Marietta, Rev. W. P. McCarter, pastor. South Marietta Baptist church has had a wonderful year. Their Sunday school has gone from 140 to 346. Ninety-seven were baptized into fellowship of the church, 12 by statement and 56 by letter, making 164 additions with a net gain of 128. Their collections for the objects of the convention, despite the fact that they were $2,000 behind with their Building & Loan, amounted to $631.64. They are now planning to build some additional Sunday school rooms, which are very much needed. Because of this the church will need the same appropriation as last year to complete this work.

We feel like the State Mission money spent in our Association this year has been properly used. Our pastors have been faithful and enthusiastic, and because of this they have accomplished these most splendid things. We feel that our Executive committee and State Board ought to give these fields the most careful attention. The county is growing so rapidly that we must intensify our work to keep pace with the industrial progress in our section. We feel sure the Executive Committee and the State Board will do all that is necessary to encourage these faithful pastors and keep this work gonig forward.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. BLACK, Chairman.

J. P. Bennett reads the report on

## HOME MISSIONS.

Although the Home Mission Board has had to decrease its force of workers the past year, yet the total results is even greater than for the previous year, especially so far as soul-saving and enlistment is concerned.

There were supplied and aided by the Home Mission Board the past year 3,131 churches and missions, resulting in the baptism of 36,154 converts. The organization of 308 churches and 786 Sunday schools and the building and improvement of 455 houses of worship. Besides the visible results there was a great seed sowing in the distribution of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scripture.

The Board for two years has been heavily in debt, caused by the enlargement of the work at the beginnig of the 75 million Campaign and the falling off of receipts for the past year.

Financial conditions now are showing some improvement, and we are encouraged to believe that by the end of the coming year, the debt will be greatly lessened.

We appeal to every church in this association to organize systematically and strive earnestly and prayerfully to pay not only its quota but its full pledge to the 75 Million Campangn as soon as possible.

J. P. BENNETT, Chairman.

In the absence of J. H. Quinn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Boiling Springs High School, T.

H. King reads the report of the trustees of said school. The following is an abridged report on

## BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run and Gaston County Baptist Associations:—

Your school closed its fifteenth year of work on the 19th day of April, 1922. Viewed from all standpoints, it was a very successful year—more successful than the Board expected in view of the unsettled financial conditions of the country. The Lord continues to richly bless our school for which your Board is very thankful. It continues to grow in efficiency, in popularity and in area of patronage.

The total enrollment for last year was 273. The graduating class numbered 34, there being 21 girls and 13 boys in the class. Total number of graduates from the beginning of the school to date is 260. It is worthy of note that both parents and students are apprecaiting more and more the importance of taking the full course in our school, whether the students mean to go to the higher institutions or into active life.

The income of the School from August 1, 1921, to August 1, 1922, was as follows: From Board, $13,488.58; from Literary Tuition, $8,707.17; from Tuition in Special Departments, $3,037.27; from incidental fees, $2,403.82; from Heating Department, $883.94; from Lights, $488.78; from Room Rent, $1,122.96; from State Educational Board, $1,770; from Old Accounts, $2,749.95; from Endowment Fund, $72; from other sources, $1,898.09, and Bills Receivable, $777.50, making a grand total of $37,400.06.

The total running expenses of the School for the same time were as follows: Expenses of Boarding Club, $13,865.94; Teachers' Salaries, $10,920.63; Cost of Fuel, $2,795.53; Cost of Lights $438,-55; on Equipment and Repairs, $1,234.40; Old Accounts, $3,790.21; Incidental Expenses, $2,969.17; Other Objects, $1,033.62; and Bills yet Payable, $1,516.82, making a grand toal of $38,564.87. Tangible assets from last years operation of School $4,665.16. After deducting all bills payable we will have a surplus of $3,149.-34, if all outstanding debts are collected.

Since our last annual report, the young but live and aggressive Gaston County Association accepted the invitation of the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations to join with them in the ownership and control of our school. This means much for our School and for the cause of Christian education. It was understood that the new Association would assume no financial responsibilities of the School, old or new, until the expiration of the five years covered by the 75 Million Campaign, as the churches of that Association had gone their limit for Christian education in that campaign. The new Association was given ten members on this Board now number 35. Ten men of exceptional ability and deeply interested in Christian education were appointed as trustees, said trustees to serve until the approaching meeting of the Gaston County Association when their successors will be regularly named by that body in such manner and for such length of term as it may elect. Our Charter has been so amended as to give the new As-

sociation equal rights and status with the other two. Located in the most densely populated Baptist territory in this county, if not in the world, and with three strong Associations with an aggregate membership of over 23,000, the future success of our School is assured. The earnest desire of this Board is, that every member of these Associations become thoroughly enlisted in behalf of our great institution.

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees expire by limitation with this session of the Association: Rev. W. C. Barrett, Rev. T. H. King, Dr. J. L .Vipperman, Rev. C. J. Black, Rev. D. F. Putnam, A. U. Stroup, R. F. Craig, W. J. Francis, J. E. Ford and N. B. Kendrick.

It is painful to us to be forced to again report the Memorial Building uncompleted for need of funds. The building is under cover and nearly closed in but very little has been done on the interior, except the shop work, which has been on hand for more than a year.

We point with special pride to the moral and Christian atmosphere which now surrounds your School. It was never better. Two great evangelistic meetings of two weeks each have been conducted at the School church during this calendar year which have resulted in great spiritual blessings to the School and to the community. As evidence of this fact, we have only nine students who are non-church members. The moral and Christian influence of the 22 ministerial students is very helpful to the School. Various organizations are fotsered to develop the student body on lines of Christian activity.

Again we express to the pastors and ministers of these three Associations our highest appreciation for their hearty and loyal co-operation in all tings that tend to the betterment of our School and the increase of its patronage. They hold the destiny of the School in their hands. Let them not forget that they have been made advisory members of this Board.

This September 27, 1922.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. QUINN
Chairman Board Trustees.
G. B. PRUETT,
Secretary Board Trustees.

Following the reading of each of the foregoing reports a motion is made to adopt and the motions withheld until the conclusion of all, when they were discussed by Rev. W. M. Gilmore, D. F. Putnam and Supt. J. D. Huggins and are adopted.

The moderator appoints H. E. Waldrop to serve with the Treasurer, W. L. Walters, in the collection of funds for the printing of the Minutes, etc.

A committee on Order of Business for the 1923 ses-

sion is appointed by the moderator as follows: D. F. Putnam, W. W. Rimmer and W. W. Williams.

D. F. Putnam reads the report of settlement of the funds and property of

## SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

Matthew A. Stropue for the Committee appointed to meet with the Executive ommittee of the South Fork Association for the purpose of dividing funds received from the sale of the South Fork Institution property, between the Gaston, and South Fork Association, reports as follows: That on August 14th, 1922, Committee appointed by the Gaston County Association met with the Executive Committee of the South Fork Association at Newton, N. C., at which time Mr. S. T. Gaddy financial statement showed cash on hand $2155.69, with notes and mortgages for $3400.00. Mr. Emery B. Denny offered a resolution that the cash on hand at that time be divided equally between the two associations, and that the notesand mortgages be placed in the hands of Mr. S. T. Gaddy, trustee, for the two associations. That he be authorized to collect them as they become due, and pay one half of any collections to each of the said associations.

The $1077.85 was deposited on certificate in the First National Bank of Gastonia, and will be due on or about November 15th, 1922. The Committee recommends that the a Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Gaddy in the collection and settlement of the notes and Mortgages now outstanding.

MATTHEW A. STROUPE,
For the Committee.

A motion to adopt the report appointing E. B. Denny and M. A. Stroup to assist in the collection of said funds is unanimously adopted.

A number of new pastors and visitors are recognized.

The now famous quartette from Boiling Springs renders a selection, "The Old Rugged Cross," following which a pressing invitation is extended them to spend the balance of the time of the session with us. Prof. Huggins states that it is impracticable for them to remain longer.

The Moderator appoints the following Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the 1923 session of the Association: R. F. Craig, Chairman, Thomas Skidmore and R. B. Suggs.

At four o'clock the Association takes adjournment until 7:15 p. m. Benediction by Dr. Robert L. Lemmons, of the First Baptist Church, Salisbury, N. C.

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## TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association meets at 7:15 p. m. and is called to order by Moderator Francis. Song, "Some Day, By and By," and devotional services by T. H. King. Prayer by W. P. McCarter.

Dr. J. Marcus Kester, of the Shelby First Church, delivers the second of the series of three lectures before the Association, "A Great Need; A Great Mission, and Our Duty to this Need and Mission," a great, clear and wonderfully convincing message.

Following the lecture a song, "I'll Live On," was sung very impressively by choir and congregation.

R. S. Lewis reads the report on

## EDUCATION.

The time was when devout men and women, having caught the vision of the certain numerous advantages of higher education, deemed it necessary to arouse the interest of the denomination by proclaiming assiduously those benefits. The need of argument in behalf and in support of Christian education is no more, for such advantages are conceded by all whose opinions are of any value.

The task now confronting us is to show men and women their duty, to enlist their support in contributions and patronage of all our educational institutions. Our Schools and Colleges must keep pace with the march of progress in the matter of physical equipment and teaching efficiency.

Owing to the lack of adequate endowments the problem of financing them must necessity be solved by the masses; hence the necessity of keeping constatly before the individual Baptist his duty towards Christian education. Baptists have much for which to be thankful in the growth of education as fostered by them.

From the time (two hundred and fifty years ago) John Clark, a Baptist preacher, established a free school in the state of Rhode Island to the present time, the growth of Baptist institutions has been marvelous. Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and under the control of the denomination, are one hundred and twenty Schools, Colleges and Seminaries with a total student enrollment of 33,000. Of these institutions, eighteen,

with 4600 students, are located in North Carolina. This accomplishment proves no mean endeavor.

To relax our efforts now would be nothing short of suicidal; for our needs are greater than ever before, due to our militant missionary activities with its consequent reclaiming for Christ large numbers of unschooled. Having few out-standingly, generous rich members in our denomination to provide large contributions, it is incumbent upon all loyal, forward-looking, spiritually-minded Baptists, regularly and persistantly, to keep before the Churches their duty towards this great object.

R. S. LEWIS. Chairman

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed briefly by R. S. Lewis, by Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raliegh, in a masterful address, and at the close of this address W. P. McCarter makes motion to eliminate from the report all matter referring to evolution, and upon a second, the amendment is opposed in strong terms by H. E. Waldrop, supported by W. P. McCarter, and is further discussed by R. L. Smith, J. P. Bennett and Dr. Livingston Johnson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College. Mr. Lewis gets unanimous consent to withdraw that part of his report referring to evolution. The report is then adopted.

Adjournment is taken at 10 o'clock to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30. An earnest prayer and benediction by Dr. Johnson.

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## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The morning session of the Association is opened by song, "Stand Up for Jesus." Devotional services conducted by R. L. Smith. Prayer by J. J. Waldrop. Song, "My Hope Is Built." Prayer by T. H. King.

Minutes of the three sessions held Tuesday and Tuesday night are read and adopted.

Report is made by churches on the "Calling Out of the Called," and responses show that during the year fifteen have publicly announced their intention to enter the ministry or regular religious work.

The Moderator announces the appointment of the following committee to arrange for the organization and holding a Gaston County Baptist Association Sunday School Convention: W. H. Wray, Chairman, J. T. Allen and D. P. Stowe.

M. O. Thornburg reads the report on

## B. Y. P. U.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF GASTON ASSOCIATIONAL B. Y. P. U.

**For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1922**

**To Gaston Baptist Association**

The B. Y. P. U. has reached the stage in it's development when progressive pastors and laymen recognize it's necessity. Reports from practically all the churches in the Association show that pastors and church leaders are rejoicing in the work being done by the young people who have been trained in the B. Y. P. U.

All church leaders seem to hail the advent of the Associational B. Y. P. U., as it offers a field of unlimited service for B. Y. P. U. workers within the bounds of their own association. During the past year hundreds of members of live unions in our own Association have gone out to give demonstrations of B. Y. P. U. work and to assist in organizations. Many have also visited churches for purpose of encouragement and good fellowship. This means willing groups of young people propagating B. Y. P. U. work and the things for which the B. Y. P. U. stands, namely: Bible Study, Doctrinal Studies, Missionary Study, Stewardship and Soul- Winning, in fact, efficient church membership.

Both Pastors and Laymen, and Young People have co-operated splendidly during the past year as will be shown by the following report of work done:

Organization:—

The association is divided into four districts, with the four Vice-Presidents of the Associational B. Y. P. U. in direct charge of the work in their respective districts. They hold bi-monthly or quarterly rallies and an occasional district social.

Aim for past year:—

The aim for the year was to extend the B. Y. P. U. work to every church within the Association.

Work accomplished:—

The B. Y. P. U. work was extended to every church in the Association except four, one of which is now planning to organize. The general plan for organization was, so far as possibilities were concerned, practically accomplished. Recent reports show 26 of the 29 Baptist Churches in the Association have either Senior, Intermediate or Junior Union—in many instances both Senior and Junior, making a total of 35 Unions with a membership of 1,225.

One Annual Convention held—24 churches represented.

475 letters written by B. Y. P. U. leaders.

23 churches visited by President and Junior Leader.

9 Demonstration programs given.

Several S. S. Superintendents and many teachers have been furnished by the different B. Y. P. U's.

Assisted in the Organization of the Kings Mountain Associational B. Y. P. U. and furnished two parts on the first Annual Program.

Secured 175 subscriptions for the Bibical Recorder.

At the last State B. Y. P. U. Convention our Association was publicly recognized as leading all others in B. Y. P. U. work, and asked to furnish statistics and publicity material for the Annual Training School at Nashville.

The aim for the coming year is "Efficiency." Encouraged by the co-operation of the pastors and their young people we have set for our definite aim a minimum of 20 A-1 Unions this year.

Every B. Y. P. U. member is urged to strive as never before to reach the Standard and to excell in loyalty to their pastors, and to their church of which they are a part.

Respectfully submitted,
M. O. THORNBURG, President.

Motion to adopt is discussed by W. W. Williams, R. G. Mace and M. O. Thornburg and is adopted.

The Moderator appoints a committee to nominate Trustees for Boiling Springs High School, as follows: R. G. Mace, chairman, J. J. Waldrop and W. W. Rimmer.

J. P. Bennett offers the following

## RESOLUTION.

Whereas the Baptist as a great body of Christians have always believed in the Word of God as being the only and All-sufficient standard of faith and doctrine and that any theories or teachings of men which tend to depreciate or question its authority is dishonoring to God and fraught with immeasurable harm to man.

And whereas we appreciate in the highest measure the great and noble work of Wake Forest College and all of our Baptist Colleges and school, and greatly deplore the fact that any question has arisen to cause our people to have even a suspicion that anything has been taught in any of them which does not meet the hearty indorsement and approbation of the great Baptist Brotherhood in the State.

And, whereas the Question of Evolution as has been taught at Wake Forest College does not meet with the approbation of our people which represents man and monkeys as having the same ancestors, or that man has been evoluted through processes running through ages of time.

Resolved therefore, that we do here and now condemn such teaching as dishonoring to God and as sapping the foundations of faith in the infallibility of His Word.

Resolved further, that we do here express to Dr. William L. Poteat, the honored President of Wake Forest College, our high estimate of his personal character and his great intellectual ability and worth as a man, but if he persists in teaching the Evolution of man through ages of process we cannot and will not give him our endorsement and support.

Resolved, Futher that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Dr. Poteat and a copy to the Biblical Recorder for publication.

Motion to adopt is discussed by T. H. King, W. J. Francis, J. P. Bennett and H. E. Waldrop and the resolution is adopted.

Next is the report from the committee on

## TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your committee on Time, Place and Preacher, respectfully report and recommend that the 1923 sesion of the Association be held on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Third Sunday in October, with the Loray Baptist Church, and that Rev. E. C. Andrews preach the Associational Sermon.

R. F. CRAIG,
THOMAS SKIDMORE,
R. B. SUGGS,
Committee.

On motion the report is adopted.

D. F. Putnam reads the report on

## WOMAN'S WORK.

John wrote to the young men, because they were strong; if he were writing today, no doubt, he would share with Paul the sentiment; "Help those women who labored with me in the Gospel."

The W. M. U., has become o powerful factor in the ranks of the Southern Baptist. The work in this State has made phenominal progress in the past few years. In the 65 associations of the Baptist State Convention, there are 61 W. M. U. Associational organizations doing Kingdom service. Seven hundred new societies were organized last year, including Y. W. A. and Sunbeans, etc. In the Gaston County Association there are 17 W. M. S., well organized and doing a wonderful work for the Master. The recent annual Associational meeting held at Bessemer City, was one of the most largely attended and helpful meetings held since the organization of the Gaston County Association.

Three things are being stresed this year in the State work; Mission study, Standard Organization and the Conservation of the Baptist $75,000,000 campaign. These objects are worthy of the

best efforts and no little credit for the success of the Campaign is due to these hand-maidens of the Lord. We heartily endorse and commend the blesed work our sisters are doing, and rejoice with them in all the success they may attain in their God-given work.

D. F. PUTNAM, Committee.

Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee is appointed as follows: T. H. King, chairman, M. L. Barnes and R. S. Lewis.

Song, "Standing on the Promises."

At 11:10 Dr. J. Marcus Kester delivers the third of his series of lectures, using "Stewardship" as the principal theme or subject. This lecture appeared to have been well prepared, was earnestly and ably delivered and well received and doubtless means much to the people of the Association and all who heard.

T. H. King makes motion that a rising vote of thanks be extended Dr. Kester for his masterful addresses or lectures. The motion is unanimously adopted.

Following the resolution a liberal free-will offering was made for Dr. Kester.

L. M. Welch, a prominent layman, from Waynesville, N. C., is present and delivers a splendid short address in the interest of the Baptist cause.

At 12:30 the Association adjourns to meet again at 1:30 p. m. Benediction by D. F. Putnam.

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## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association meets according to adjournment and is called to order by Moderator Francis. Devotional services in charge of S. F. Conrad.

Application is received from the West Mount Holly Baptist church for membership in the Association. On motion the application is duly received and the following committee is appointed to examine into the Articles of

Faith and report recommendation thereon: D. F. Putnam, T. H. King and W. P. McCarter.

W. W. Rimmer makes report from the committee to make nominations for

## TRUSTEES BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL.

We, your committee to nominate Trustees for Boling Springs high school recommend the appointment of the following: J. E. Ford, N. B. Kendrick for one year; R. F. Craig, W. J. Francis for two years; D. F. Putnam and A. U. Stroup, three years; Dr. J. L. Vipperman and C. J. Black, four years; W. C. Barrett and T. H. King five years.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MACE,
W. W. RIMMER,
J. J. WALDROP.
Committee.

On motion the report is adopted and the nominees are declared elected for the respective terms named.

E. A. Teague reads the report on

## OBITUARIES.

We, your committee beg to submit the following report on obituaries:

We have lost by death during the associational year 37 members as reported from the various churches as follows:

Cherryville, Mrs. Lucy Robinson.

First Church Gastonia, Mrs. C. V. Blake, died October 17, 1921. Mrs. R. J. Smith, January 6, 1922. Mrs. F. L. Dover, January 27, 1922. Miss Elvy Lee Gibbins, April 2, 1922. Mrs. G. B. Harvey, May 20, 1922. Mrs. Blake was president of the W. M. U., of the First Cchurch, Gastonia, from its incipiency until her death, a period of 20 years.

First Church, Belmont, Mrs. T. E. Walters, died July 29, 1922.

Loray, Gastonia, J. B. Nims, C. T. Hawkins, Rev. E. S. Ivey and Mrs. Guy Martin, age 20 years. These were all faithful members of the Loray Baptist church. Brother Ivey was one of our most faithful preachers. The Baptist denomination has suffered greatly in his going. His obituary appears in another place.

Dallas, Mrs. A. R. Martin, Mrs. Lucy Galloway Webb. Mrs. Webb died, March 27, 1922. These were faithful members of the Dallas Baptist church.

Long Creek Memorial, W. M. Summey, died October 25, 1921, age 76 years. C. A. Garrett, died December 24, 1921. Mrs. J. H. Holland, died June 18, 1922. Robert Holland, Mary Allen, J. M. Franklin.

Lowell, Mrs. Bertha Cobb, Mrs. Molinda Wyatt, W. E. Ware.

McAdenville, Mrs. J. L. Webb, died September 24, 1922.

East Gastonia, Mrs. Jessie White, Alex McLean, John Beach, Leander Stroup.

Hickory Grove, J. L. Abernethy, died August 24, 1922. C. M. Loften, died April 29, 1922, age 73 years. Mrs. Sarah Ferrell, died December 30, 1921. Mrs. Emma Joy, died May 31, 1922, age 67 years.

Sandy Plains, J. F. Groves, died April 12, 1922. S. E. Beaty, Mrs. M. E. Sanford, Mrs. Ada Martin.

Bessemer City, Marcus S. Whitworth, died March 26, 1922, age 28 years. James O. McDaniel, died September, 24, 1922, age 32 years.

Mt. Zion, Mrs. Lillie Kiser, Mrs. Mary Black, Mrs. Barbary Dellinger.

Cramerton, B. E. Wallace age 40.

All these answering the call of God have gone to meet their reward over younder. Their going hath brought sorrow, sadness and gloom on earth, but we trust joy, happiness and great rejoicing on the other side of the river.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TEAGUE.

On motion the report is adopted.

The following chairmen are appointed to write reports for next year:

Foreign Missions, W. C. Barret.
Home Missions, R. G. Mace.
State Missions, J. L. Vipperman.
Bibical Recorder, Labon Abernethy.
Orphanage, R. F. Craig.
Temperance, W. E. Hull.
B. Y. P. U., M. O. Thornburg.
Women's Work, (To be supplied.)
Educational, D. F. Putnam.
Ministerial Relief, W. W. Rimmer.
Sunday Schools, F. L. Smith.
Obituaries, T. C. Smith.

W. B. McClure reads the report on

## THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

The best beloved institution fostered by the Baptist host of North Carolina is the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. It is a school of real applied Christianity. Its mission is to rescue and save, and train lives of Christian service homeless children, who otherwise would be left exposed to the evils of the world.

The importance of such work, is at once apparent, when we consider the value not only of an immortal soul, but the value of a human life. The value of a good man or woman to a community, the world at large is incalculable. So the Baptist of North Carolina, should see to it that our Orphanage have full and unstinted support.

Our Orphanage is being conducted efficiently and economically and fruitfully—fruitfully in the fact that it prepares for life's duties and obligations. As a rule those going out from said institution make good—and make good citizens—and men and women of character and Christian influence. This fact is inductive to our support and loyalty.

We need more money and more buildings. Every year our big-hearted manager has had to say no, to many, many, bright eyed boys and girls for lack of room. More of our Associations should build homes on the campus of Thomasville Orphanage grounds. We could do it and never miss the money.

Our Orphanage management it reaching out the helping hand in another way. The management is helping worthy widows to keep their precious little darlings at home by giving them a small amount of money each month—thus honoring the grand institution home, by keeping it intact. We commend them for this forward step.

Let each pastor of the Gaston County Association call special attention to the full one day's work offering at Thanksgiving and one Sunday in each month in our Sunday schools.

Humbly submitted,
W. B. McCLURE.

The motion to adopt the report is discussed by W. B. McClure, F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, and the report is adopted.

D. F. Putnam makes report from the meeting of the committee appointed to consider the matter of receiving West Mount Holly Baptist church into the membership of the Association, and recommends that this church be received. The report is adopted and the moderator extends the delegates the usual welcome and invites them to seats in the body.

D. F. Putnam submits the following report on

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1923 SESSION.

10:00—Devotional.
10:15—Enrollment of Delegates.
10:30—Organization and Recognition of Visitors.
10:40—Lecture.
11:30—Biblical Recorder.

12:00—Dinner.
1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Report on Women's Work.
1:45—Reports on the following: State, Home and Foreign Missions.
2:45—Report on B. Y. P. U. Work.
3:15—Report Executive Committee.
3:25—Oppointment of Committees and Miscellaneous.
7:15—Devotional.
7:30—Sermon.
8:15—Report on Temperance.

**Wednesday, A. M.**

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—Report on Orphanage.
10:15—Report on Education.—(Boiling Springs School.)
11:00—Lecture.
11:45—Report of Treasurer and Miscellaneous Business.
12:00—Dinner.
1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Ministerial Relief.
1:30—Obituaries.
2:15—Miscellaneous.

D. F. PUTNAM,
W.W. RIMMER,
W. W. WILLLIAMS.

On motion the report is adopted.

T. C. Smith makes motion for the appointment of a committee to procure a lecturer for next session as provided in the order of business, and the following committee is appointed: C. J. Black, D. F. Putnam and T. H. King.

F. M. Pasour, Jr., reads the report on

## TEMPERANCE.

We are sure the church had much to do with the passage of our present prohibition laws. Which if enforced, we believe would be the greatest step forward our nation could make at this time. Therefore one of our greatest temperance duties as Baptists now is to use every effort we possibly can to the enforcement of such laws.

First, we should have officers who are thoroughly temperate in their living, otherwise we cannot expect a man to enforce a law that will cut off his dram.

Resolved, that we will not support by ballot or otherwise any man for any office who, is not a loyal supporter of our prohibition laws.

Resolved, that we as citizens and Christians give our officers our loyal co-operation and suport in the enforcement of such laws

Resolved, that if we as citizens believe in the enforcement of the law, we take our stand against so-called moderate drinking among our church people.

Respectfully,
F. M. PASOUR, JR.
Committee.

Motion to adopt it is discussed by F. M. Pasour, Jr., and is adopted.

R. S. Lewis makes report and recommends the following as members of the

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTE.

W. J. Francis; W. C. Barrett; R. G. Mace; T. H. King; C. J. Black; D. F. Putnam; E. C. Andrews; F. M. Pasour, Jr., and R. F. Craig.

R. S. LEWIS,
For Committee.

Motion to adopt is discussed briefly by D. F. Putnam and is adopted.

## PRINTING FUND.

The following amounts were paid to the Treasurer or to H. E. Waldrop for him to apply on the Printing Fund for Minutes, Digest, etc.: McAdenville, $10.00; Cramerton, $5.00; Alexis, $2.00; Bruington, $4.00; Shady Grove, $3.25; Mount Zion, $2.40; Dallas, $5.00; Long Creek Memorial, $7.55; Hickory Grove, $5.03; Lowell, $5.40, and West Mount Holly, $1.50. Total, $51.27. The Clerk guarantees that the other churches will do their part, which will not exceed 3 cents per member, and which should be in the hands of the Treasurer at once and not later than November 1st. The balance required will be about $114.23 for 1,000 copies, or less than one to each family.

In the absence of a report on the question of Old Ministers Relief, T. H. King, J. P. Bennett and D. F. Putnam make short speeches in the interest of the disabled ministers and particularly with reference to the present day advantages in Annuity Insurance provided for the

ministers at a very low premium rate providing reasonable protection to a man when disabled and the family in his death.

The Moderator names as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention A. McCoy; member State Mission Board, T. H. King; as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, D. F. Putnam, R. S. Lewis and D. P. Dellinger.

T. H. King makes motion that the proceeds from the sale of the South Fork Institute property be diverted to the use of Boiling Springs High School in such manner as the trustees from this Association may direct if they can legally do so.

J. J. Waldrop offers the following

## RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body is due and hereby tendered to the Cramerton Baptist church and community for their generous hospitality shown us, and the handsome way in which they have entertained this session of this association.

J. J. WALDROP.

On motion the resolution is unanimously adopted.

W. W. Rimmer offers motion that the Clerk of the Association draft a suitable resolution and send to Messrs. Stewart W. Cramer, Cleveland D. Welch and J. Van Moore, and the Mays Mills, Inc., of Cramerton, N. C., expressing to them the most hearty thanks and high appreciation by the denomination for their interest and generosity to our cause in building and presenting to the local organiation the splendid $75,000,000 House of Worship in which the Association was held.

The motion is unanimously adopted.

The Association adjourned at 3:30 p. m. Benediction by W. C. Barrett.

W. J. FRANCIS, Moderator.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk.

# Constitution

## NAME

Article 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association."

## OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention in all the work of these conventions.

## MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

## OFFICERS

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions, and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other Boards or Committees from time time as circumsances may require.

### TIME OF MEETING

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

### VACANCIES

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings of the Association.

### AMENDMENTS

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

Carolina Printing Company, Gastonia, N. C.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

SUNDAY SCHOOLS	Superintendents and Post Offices	Secretaries and Post Offices
1 Alexis	S. M. Stroup, Alexis	[illegible]
2 Belmont, First	D. P. Stowe, Belmont	[illegible] Belmont
3 Belmont, East	A. W. Fuscur, Belmont	[illegible] Belmont
4 Bessemer City	S. J. Poteet, Bessemer City	[illegible]
5 Bruington	W. E. Rhyne, Stanley	[illegible]
6 Center View	J. J. Duncan, Belmont	Bert [illegible]
7 Cherryville	J. T. Allen, Cherryville	[illegible] Cherryville
8 Cramerton	W. R. Bush, Cramerton	[illegible]
9 Dallas	E. S. Lewis, Dallas	[illegible]
10 Calvary, Gastonia	S. G. McAl[illegible], [illegible] Gastonia	[illegible] Gastonia
11 First Gastonia	W. L. Walters, Gastonia	[illegible]
12 First Eastonia	W. H. Wray, Gastonia	[illegible]
13 South Marietta, Gastonia	J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia	[illegible]
14 Hickory Grove	B. J. Hovis, R. 2, Lowell	[illegible]
15 High Shoals	L. Y. Lyda, High Shoals	W. P. [illegible] High Shoals
16 Long Creek Memorial	F. M. Rasour, Jr., Dallas	Ben T. [illegible]
17 Loray	W. Lee Smith, Gastonia	W. P. [illegible]
18 Lowell	R. L. Featherston	H. L. Ro[illegible] Lowell
19 Lucia		
20 McAdenville	T. L. Austin, McAdenville	D. F. Ray[illegible] McAdenville
21 Mt. Bulah	E. H. Biggerstaff, R. 1, Bessemer City	B. H. [illegible] Bessemer City
22 Mt. Holly	O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly	Chas. D. [illegible] Mt. Holly
23 Mt. Zion	Lee Wacaster, Cherryville	[illegible] Cherryville
24 Ranlo	F. L. Smith, Gastonia	Mrs. E. L. [illegible] Gastonia
25 Sandy Plains	J. C. Miller, Lowell	Terry [illegible] Lowell
26 Shady Grove	Floyd E. Mauney, Cherryville	[illegible]
27 Spencer Mountain	John Flowers, Lowell	[illegible]
28 Tuckaseege	J. D. Smith, Mt. Holly	[illegible]
29 [illegible]'s Grove	J. H. Brendle, Henry	[illegible]

STATISTICAL SUMMA

B. Y. P. U. WORK	[illegible] and Post Offices Presidents of B. Y. P. U.'s
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[illegible]	W. A. [illegible]
[illegible]	M[illegible] Wil[illegible]

RY OF B. Y. P. U's

Senior B. Y. P. U.'s	Seniors Enrolled	Int. B. Y. P. U.'s	Intermediates Enrolled	Jr. Unions	Juniors Enrolled	Total Unions	Total Enrolled	Unions reaching A-1	Members Keeping up Daily Bible Reading	Unions Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers	Volunteers for Mission work	Licensed Ministers	
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STATIST

WOMANS WORK	Organizations, Presidents, Counselors or Leaders, and Post Office
1 Alexis	Mrs. R. B. Suggs, Belmont
2 Belmont, First	Mrs. W. L. Chapman, Belmont
Belmont, East	Mrs. W. W. Williams, Bessemer City
4 Bessemer City	
5 Brongton	Mrs. Lee Roper, Mt. Holly
6 Center View	Mrs. L. C. McDowell, Cherryville
7 Cherryville	Mrs. T. W. Hudspeth, Cramerton
8 Cramerton	Mrs. M. C. Clemmer, Dallas
9 Dallas	Mrs. L. C. M[illegible], Gastonia
10 Calvary, Gastonia	Mrs. A. F. W[illegible], Gastonia
11 East Gastonia	Mrs. Joe S. Wray, Gastonia
12 First Gastonia	
13 South Marietta, Gastonia	
14 Hickory Grove	
15 High Shoals	
16 Long Creek Memorial	Mrs. J. N. Ellis, Gastonia
17 Loray	Mrs. D. A. Gragg, Gastonia
18 Lowell	Mrs. [illegible] Wilson, Lowell
19 Lucia	
20 McAdenville	Mrs. Will Nichols, McAdenville
21 Mt. Beulah	
22 Mt. Holly	
23 Mt. Zion	Mrs. Geo. R. Grice, Mt. Holly
24 Ranlo	Mrs. Chas. Usry, Gastonia
25 Sandy Plains	Mrs. N. A. Jenkins, Gastonia
26 Shady Grove	
27 Spencer Mountain	Mrs. L. M. Abernethy, Lowell
28 Tuckaseege	
29 Hull's Grove	

ICAL SUMMARY

Woman's Societies	Y. W. A.	G. A.	R. A.	Sunbeams	Total Woman's Organizations	Total Enrolled in all Organizations	New Organizations One Year Old or Less	Pieces of Literature Distributed	Total Mission Study Classes Conducted	Enrollment in all Mission Study Classes	Total Souls Received	Total Articles Furnished Needy	Total Subscriptions to Royal Service	Total Contributions to 75 Million Campaign	Total Contributions to Special Benevolences	Grand Total W. M. U. Contributions
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# STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLES

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

## CHURCH HOUSES AND PARSONAGES

## LOCAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

## DENOMINATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

| | CHURCHES | When Constituted | PASTOR | CLERK | TREASURER | Gains: Baptism | Gains: Letter | Gains: Statement | Gains: Restoration | Losses: Letters | Losses: Exclusions | Losses: Deaths | Total Present Membership | Sunday School Enrolment | Number of Officers, Teachers and Scholars | Value of Church Property | Make of Organ | Pews or Seats | Number of Rooms | Value of Church House and Grounds | Indebtedness on Property | Insurance Carried | Value of Pastor's Home | Total Value All Church Property | Pastor's Salary | Other Salaries | Incidentals | Building and Repairs | Ministerial Help | Help for Local Poor | Literature for Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. | Printing and Publicity | Other Objects | Total Local Church Contributions | Dollar 75 Million Campaign Fund (Undesignated) | Missions Foreign (D) | Home (D) Missions | State (D) Missions | Associational Missions (D) | Schools (D) and Colleges | Ministerial (D) Education | Orphanage (D) | Hospitals (D) | Ministerial (D) Relief | Relief Foreign (D) | Total 75 Million Campaign Funds | Total of All Denominational Contributions | |
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| 1 | Alexis | 1907 | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C | N. Stroup, Alexis | E. [illegible] | 1 | 6 | 2 | | 2 | | | 134 | 1 | 2 | 1904 | Wood | 38 | 1 | 2,000 | $ | $ | $ | $ 2,000 | 200 | - | 12 00 | | 60 00 | - | 62.83 | | | 334 83 | 503 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 509 00 | 843.83 | 1 |
| 2 | Belmont, First | 1874 | G. H. Johnson, Belmont, N. C | W. H. Sowe, Belmont, N. C | E. E. [illegible] | * | 8 | 8 | | 22 | | | 229 | 1 | 2 | | B. & W | | | 15,000 | | 11,000 | 10,000 | 25,000 | 2,000 | 15.50 | 55.25 | 76.55 | 65 87 | | | 5,683.00 | 122.00 | 2,333.72 | 2.0 0.25 | | | | | | | | | | | 2,040.25 | 4,423.97 | 2 |
| 3 | Belmont, East | 1912 | R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C | K. F. Simmons, Belmont, N. C | E. [illegible] N. C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 281.65 | 4,886.85 | 3 |
| 4 | Bessemer City | 1895 | W. W. Williams, Bessemer City, N. C | J. E. [illegible] | [illegible] Bessemer City | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 125 | | | | W. [illegible] | 75 | | 10,000 | 2,500 | 6,000 | 3,000 | 12,000 | 126.00 | 96.90 | 48.76 | 107 20 | 430 79 | 16.75 | 648.87 | 16.75 | 681.87 | 4,605.29 | 281.56 | | | | | | | | | | | 762.85 | 8,795.50 | 4 |
| 5 | Brington | 1884 | W. W. Rimmer, Stanley, N. C | [illegible] South, [illegible] | [illegible] | | 11 | 2 | 1 | | | | [illegible] | | | | Reed | 125 | | 25,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 3,000 | 28,000 | 2,000 | 120.00 | 100 00 | 5,192.60 | 75.00 | 75 00 | 135.00 | 335.00 | | 1,087.88 | 422 72 | | | | | | | | | | | 422.72 | 1,510 60 | 5 |
| 6 | Center View | 1921 | A. E. Teague, Belmont, N. C | W. [illegible] | [illegible] | 1 | 3 | 29 | 15 | | 12 | 1 | 211 | | | 6 1899 | Wor | 56 | | 5,000 | 2,000 | | | 2,500 | 5,500 | 200 | 12 01 | 8 0.5 | 3.30 | 103.52 | | 60 97 | | | 1,087.88 | 422 72 | | | | | | | | | | | 311.65 | 998 27 | 6 |
| 7 | Cherryville | 1894 | D. F. Putnam, Cherryville, N. C | D. F. [illegible] | J. W. [illegible] | | | 27 | 28 | | 11 | 1 | 121 | 1 | | 30 C. [illegible] | Brick | 1 | 1 | 7,000 | 2,000 | 15,000 | 5,000 | 78,000 | 2,000 | 12 00 | 160 85 | 953.00 | 322.55 | | 272.72 | | | 2,751.12 | 93.00 | 66.50 | 30.05 | 27.30 | 20.00 | 17.25 | 42.00 | | | | | 895 10 | 3,646.22 | 7 |
| 8 | Cramerton | 1911 | J. P. Bennett, Cramerton, N. C | Virgil W. Kincaid, Cramerton, N. C | W. [illegible] | | 1 | 11 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 1 | 211 | 1 | 1 | 1911 | Brick | 1 | 1 | 30,000 | | | 2,500 | 52,000 | 1,750 | 52 00 | 116 00 | | 131 50 | | 389.98 | | | 2,459 47 | 562 68 | | | | | | | | | | | 581.28 | 3,040 75 | 8 |
| 9 | Dallas | 1877 | Dr. J. L. Abernathy, Gastonia, N. C | J. [illegible] | [illegible] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 192 78 | | 11 16 | 1,702.26 | 4,115.58 | 9 |
| 10 | Gastonia, Gaston Ave. | 1920 | M. L. Rudisill, Gastonia, N. C | W. [illegible] | D. [illegible] | 2 | 1 | 18 | 5 | | 2 | 2 | 182 | 1 | 0 | 12 1924 | Brick | | | [illegible] | 50.00 | | 10,000 | 50,000 | 1,000 | 100 00 | 16 15 | 754 10 | 269.50 | | 69.75 | 19.38 | 206 34 | 2,113.32 | 1,193 89 | | | | | | | | 75 00 | | | | 200 00 | 2,092.29 | 10 |
| 11 | East Gastonia | 1907 | T. H. King, Gastonia, N. C | A. [illegible] | A. [illegible] | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 11 | 1 | 1 | 13 | | | | 12 00 | | | | 1,000 | 600 | | 100 00 | 508.92 | 60.00 | 125 00 | 162.00 | 64 00 | 92.37 | 1,892.29 | 1,500 00 | | | | | | | | 75 00 | | | | 606.38 | 12,292 14 | 11 |
| 12 | First Gastonia | 1876 | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C | [illegible] E. Denny, Gastonia, N. C | [illegible] | * | 10 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 18 | 1 | 6 | 1918 | Brick | [illegible] | 1 | 75 00 | 7,000 | 15,000 | 5,000 | 80,000 | 3,500 | 282 50 | 208 61 | 6,871 E | 148.55 | 42 00 | 371.54 | 180.88 | 113.75 | 11,595.06 | 211 30 | | | | | | | | 484 98 | | | | 10,774.94 | 32,274 23 | 12 |
| 13 | South Main St., Gastonia | 1915 | W. P. McCarter, Gastonia, N. C | [illegible] Beatty, Gastonia, N. C | [illegible] | | | 9 | 7 | 2 | 9 | | 132 | 1 | 1 | 60 1900 | Brick | 63 | 1 | 75,000 | | | 25,000 | 100,000 | 3,000 | 1,800 00 | 200 22 | 23,597 85 | 281.21 | 172 50 | 100 00 | 379.11 | 2,065.34 | 31,599.29 | 10,774 94 | | | | | | | | 140 00 | | | | 140.00 | 7,297 79 | 13 |
| 14 | Hickory Grove | 1878 | W. B. McCarter, Mt. Holly, N. C | H. W. Abernathy Mt. Holly, N. C | [illegible] Abernathy, Mt. Holly, N. C | | | 35 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 90 | 1 | | 1919 | Brick | | | 25,000 | 5,500 | 10,000 | | 25,000 | 1 010 | | 130 61 | 155.48 | | 8 30 | | 108 20 | 5,176.47 | 7,157.79 | | | | | | | | 140 00 | | | | 516.69 | 1,524 63 | 14 |
| 15 | High Shoals | 1902 | W. W. Rimmer, Stanley, N. C | A. S. Kendrick, Belmont, N. C | [illegible] Shea, Belmont, N. C | 2 | 4 | | | 1 | 12 | 1 | 138 | 2 | 6 | 1905 | Wood | 200 | 1 | 1,000 | 91.27 | | | 4,000 | 3.5 | 24 00 | 122 02 | 465.22 | 61.50 | | 79.80 | 5.03 | 5.00 | 1,097.91 | 396.21 | | | | | | | | 75.73 | | 74.75 | 516.69 | 1,524 63 | 14 |
| 16 | King Creek Memorial | 1772 | Dr. J. C. Wilson, Dallas, N. C | A. J. Rhyne, Dallas, N. C | T. [illegible] Dallas, N. C | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | | 11 | | 90 | 1 | 17 | 1902 | Wood | 450 | 1 | 1,000 | | | | 4,000 | 1,000 | | 51 86 | | 68.85 | | 57 85 | | 160.20 | 1,338.76 | 88 11 | 27 00 | 20.00 | 25.50 | | 9 00 | 10 00 | 2 00 | | 10 00 | | 212.84 | 1,551 00 | 15 |
| 17 | Loray | 1905 | J. [illegible] | J. W. [illegible] Gastonia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 338 48 | 5,936 89 | 16 |
| 18 | Lowell | 1892 | I. A. [illegible] Lowell, N. C | J. B. [illegible] Lowell, N. C | R. [illegible] Lowell, N. C | * | 18 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 868 | 1 | 0 | 10 1907 | Wood | 1200 | 2 | 2,500 | 2,165 | 1,500 | 5,000 | 30,000 | 3,930 | 2 50 | 1,508.31 | 2,963 17 | | 881.32 | 663.25 | | 9,939 25 | 655.51 | 34 15 | 93 90 | 78.71 | | | 112 00 | 5 2.98 | 350 25 | | | 1,805.77 | 15,651 80 | 17 |
| 19 | Luna | | | W. B. M. Brush, Mt. Holly | | | | 20 | | | 9 | | 18 | 1 | | 1832 | Wood | 400 | 5 | 3,000 | 4,000 | | 8,400 | 11,400 | 1 50 | | 30 07 | 1,280.31 | 61.00 | | 101 11 | 5.00 | 64 10 | 3,211 32 | 130.00 | 55.20 | 25 00 | 25.00 | | | | 50 00 | | | | 285.20 | 3,499 52 | 18 |
| 20 | McAdenville | 1895 | H. E. W. Hoag, McAdenville, N. C | C. [illegible] McAdenville | B. A. [illegible] N. A. [illegible] | | | 28 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1883 | Wood | 650 | 8 | 1,000 | | | | 1,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19 |
| 21 | Mt. Bulah | 1916 | Dr. J. E. Alexander, Belmont, N. C | M. [illegible] B. H. Crowder, Belmont, N. C | [illegible] B. Hoo, Cramerton, No. 5 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 8 | | 1 | 8 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 12 | Wood | 500 | 2 | 5,000 | | | 6,000 | 2,000 | 7,000 | 2,080 | 18.00 | 98.95 | 2,278 75 | | 47 01 | 192.27 | | 480.20 | 4,715.27 | 1,717.90 | | | | | | | | 80 15 | | | | 1,802.05 | 6,515.32 | 20 |
| 22 | Mt. Holly | 1898 | E. C. Ardrey, Mt. Holly, N. C | S. O. McLean, Mt. Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly | * | 10 | 5 | 2 | | 7 | 1 | 7 | 222 | 1 | 2 | 10 1890 | Wood | 400 | 3 | 6,000 | | 6,000 | 6,000 | 12,000 | 1,855 | | 482 13 | 2,073.88 | | 14 15 | 12.00 | 25.00 | | 4,362.16 | 686.02 | | | | | | | | 100 00 | | | | 107.90 | 571.90 | 21 |
| 23 | Mt. Zion | 1878 | A. W. Secrest, Mount Holly, N. C | Leo Wasson, Cherryville | J. I. Dellinger, Cherryville | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 952.58 | 5,914.54 | 22 |
| 24 | Ranlo | 1919 | M. I. Bess, Gastonia, N. C | O. C. Payne, Gastonia | C. I. Smith, Gastonia | | | 9 | 6 | | 5 | | 158 | 1 | 12 | 1922 | B. & W | 250 | 8 | 7,500 | 4,000 | 3,500 | | 7,500 | 600 | | | 1,214.00 | | | 55.70 | 12 50 | 52.68 | 2,034 68 | 10.00 | | | | | | | | 11.98 | | 103.00 | | 309.71 | 754 67 | 23 |
| 25 | Sandy Plains | 1874 | J. I. Rudisill, Gastonia, N. C | N. A. [illegible] Gastonia, N. C | N. A. [illegible] Gastonia, No. 1 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 190 | 1 | 2 | 1871 | Wood | 150 | 5 | 4,000 | | | | 4,000 | 100 | | 5.00 | 50.00 | 91.00 | 20 00 | 65.55 | | 62.50 | 604.05 | 413.00 | | | | | | | | 117.00 | | | | 172.75 | 806 57 | 26 |
| 26 | Shady Grove | 1881 | A. W. Secrest, Mt. Holly, N. C | D. E. Stroup, Mt. Holly | M. W. [illegible] Cherryville | | 1 | 9 | | | 1 | | 109 | 1 | 1 | 1881 | Wood | 250 | 1 | 800 | | | | 800 | 225 | | | | 54 00 | 12 30 | 28.15 | 3.27 | 10.80 | 333 82 | 172.75 | | | | | | | | | | | | 108.28 | 847 89 | 27 |
| 27 | Spencer Mountain | 1908 | L. T. Yates, Lowell, N. C | Isaac Hoffman, Lowell | Elmer Hoffman, Lowell | | 1 | 21 | 8 | | 7 | | 109 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 146 | | | | | | | | | 77 10 | 48 72 | 105.69 | | 52.20 | 729.61 | 91.00 | | | 8 75 | | | 8.53 | | | | 85 00 | | 20 00 | 104.50 | 347 50 | 28 |
| 28 | Tuckaseege | 1911 | I. C. Mc[illegible] | I. D. Sorrells, Mt. Holly | N. F. Hoffsteckler, Mt. Holly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 266 | | | 77 30 | | | | | 343.06 | | 19.50 | | | | | | | | | | | 46 00 | 144.00 | 701 00 | 29 |
| 29 | Hull's Grove | 1848 | A. W. Secrest, Mt. Holly | D. A. Hull, Mt. Holly | M. Holly | | 4 | 25 | 11 | 1 | 6 | | 107 | 1 | | 1912 | Wool | 300 | 1 | 5,000 | 500 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 7,000 | 266 | | | | | 77 30 | | | | 343.06 | | 19.50 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | | | | 108 42 | 30 |
| 30 | West Mt. Holly | 1922 | M. G. [illegible] Mt. Holly | J. T. Lowery, Mt. Holly | J. H. Brendle, Henry | | | 7 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 101 | 1 | 1 | 1895 | Wood | 300 | 2 | 1,500 | 25 | | | 1,500 | 150 | | | 375 00 | | 1 | 11 18 | | | 557 00 | 93.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 7 | 1 | 57 | 54 | 5 | 12 | 81 | 19 | 6538 | | 0 | | Wood | 1 | 795 | $572,800 | $51,200 | $36,100 | $87,300 | $084,000 | $ 5,197 | $2,948 20 | $4,030.51 | $53,024.71 | $2,366.02 | $1,714.51 | $3,720.90 | $1,201.23 | 10,309.19 | $112,041.16 | $22,948.81 | $220.50 | $181.19 | $185.79 | $ 87.50 | $14.00 | $ 3.25 | $2,142.21 | $ 50.25 | $10 00 | $471 91 | $23,349.56 | $138,491 15 | |

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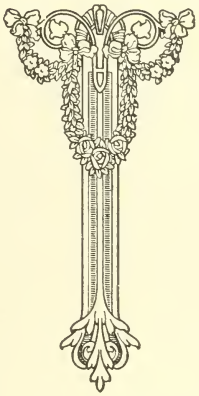

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## MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

# Proceedings

The Fifth Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association meets and is held with the Loray Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd, and 24th, days of October, A. D. 1923, and is called to order for the Tuesday morning session at 10:00 o'clock, A. M. by Moderator, W. J Francis.

After a song W. J. Francis took charge of a devotional service reading the fifth chapter of Romans. Prayer by D. F. Putnam. Song "Stand up for Jesus." Prayer by M. L. Barnes.

The moderator appoints Joe S. Wray and R. S. Lewis as a committee on enrollement. After the distribution of cards and collecting same they report 80 delegates and 16 visitors enrolled for initial session.

The churches and the delegates representing them enrolling during the sessions follow:

ALEXIS—C. L. Abernathy, J. C. Lazenby, T. B. Morris.

BELMONT, EAST—R. G. Mace, J. E. Brown.

BELMONT, FIRST—S. R. Bass, W. J. Francis, Moderator, M. W. Sanford, A. F. Gaston, D. P. Stowe, R. B. Suggs.

BESSEMER CITY—W. W. Williams.

BRUINGTON—R. F. Craig, Hoyle Love, Mrs. Love, J. E. Chronister, Mrs. S. A. Stroup, Mrs. R. F. Craig.

CENTER VIEW—A. R. Holland, J. W. Auten, H. C. Murphy, Z. W. Rotan, J. J. Duncan, T. E. Smith.

CHERRYVILLE—D. F. Putnam, David P. Dellinger, M. A. Stroup, J. T. Allen, W. J. T. Styers.

CRAMERTON—J. D. Silton, J. W. McFadden, R. L. Leeper, J. M. Trogdon, John Queen.

DALLAS—R. S. Lewis, A. A. High, G. L. Logan.

CALVARY, GASTONIA—T. P. Stanfield.

EAST GASTONIA—W. L. Walters, J. O. Fulbright, J. V. Fisher, G. C. Moss.

FIRST GASTONIA—Joe S. Wray, J. D. Smith, W. C. Barrett, Mrs. H. B. Moore, H. O. Isenhower.

SOUTH MARIETTA, GASTONIA—W. P. McCarter, T. C. Smith, J. M. Kincaid.

HICKORY GROVE—T. A. Lineberger, J. Lee Abernethy, L. M. Flowers.

HIGH SHOALS—J. C. Falls, W. A. Cline, Mrs. J. C. Falls.

HULL'S GROVE—C. O. Lacky, Vance Brendle, Ocie Willis, Ollie Brendle, L. C. Doughit.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—Nella Mae Holland, Carrie Queen, L. C. Huffman, T. S. Summey, F. M. Paysour, Jr.

LORAY—C. T. Settlemyer, W. Lee Smith, D. L. Ganes, Mrs. J. A. Chiles, W. G. McArver.

LOWELL—W. N. Cook, Ernest Flowers, J. W. Hansil, A. E. Clemmer.

LUCIA—

McADENVILLE—H. E. Waldrop, M. A. Harwell, O. W. Denton, W. A. Beatty, P. R. Clanton.

MT. BEULAH—L. A. Barbee, F. H. Kinly.

MOUNT HOLLY—E. C. Andrews, W. W. Skidmore, N. B. Helms, W. C. Andrews.

MOUNT ZION—W. T. Brown, T. J. Moss, C. J. Dellinger.

RANLO—M. L. Barnes, J. W. Mitchem, Mrs. Cunnanham, Bessie Norris, L. B. Norwood, Bessie Norwood.

SANDY PLAINS—B. B. Harwell, J. A. Parish, N. A. Jenkins, Mrs. J. C. Millen, Haywood Millen, J. C. Millen.

SHADY GROVE—Floyd L. Mauney, D. M. Witherspoon, D. R. Stroup.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—E. N. Teague.

TUCKASEEGE—

WEST MOUNT HOLLY—James Scott, J. T. Lowry.

FLINT-GROVES—M. T. Sanders.

HARDIN—Walter Friday, James M. Huggins, C. W. Huggins.

The Association is pleased to have a large number of visitors during the session and the following have signed the cards and are duly enrolled:

W. W. Francis, J. E. Fletcher, E. S. Fletcher, Mrs. Lee Mauney, Ann Mauney, Mrs. J. Huffman, Annie Hull, Justus Friday, M. M. Parker, L. A. Reynolds, J. A. Grice, W. O. Glover, D. R. Stroup, Mrs. J. O. Fulbright, Mrs. H. E. Waldrop, George C. Bond, First Baptist Church, Elberton, Georgia, Charles G. Ellis, Spruce Pine-Mitchell Association, Annie Miller, George P. Lanier, Bakersville, (N. C.) Baptist Church, Mrs. A. Frank Weir, Mrs. C. E. Carothers, J. H. Quinn, First Baptist Church, Shelby, John W. Suttle, Moderator Kings Mountain Baptist Association, J. D. Huggins, Principal Boiling Springs High School, Miss Etta Curtis, Lady Principal Boiling Springs High School, W. E. Beaty, — — Stroup, Mrs. W. J. T. Styers, Mrs. W. N. Cook.

The following officers are elected to serve the coming year: W. J. Francis, Moderator; C. J. Black, Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger, Clerk; and W. L. Walters, Treasurer.

The Moderator appoints H. E. Waldrop to take subscriptions to the Home and Foreign Field.

On motion of D. F. Putnam the order of business is changed so that the report of Biblical Recorder is taken up before the Lecture.

H. E. Waldrop reads the Report of Biblical Recorder for Labe Abernethy, Chairman, as follows:

### REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Since the greatest amount of information comes to the greatest number of people through reading, we deem it very necessary that all our Baptist people should read our Baptist papers. It is necessary for the farmer to read the farm papers, the poultry men to read the poultry journals, the mill man to read the mill news, if they are to keep themselves informed. This being true, how much more should our Christian people in our Association and in the State of North Carolina, read the Biblical Recorder and thus keep themselves informed about the work of God's Kingdom in the State.

Rev. C. C. Matheny, of Forest City. N. C., said "I find no trouble in getting a Baptist who is informed to do his duty." We would suggest that this Association urge all it's members to read

the Baptist paper and we would also suggest that no officer or S. S. Teacher should teach in the Sunday School who does not read the Biblical Recorder.

It might be a great step for our churches to add the Biblical Recorder to our budget and send it to all the families in the churches as some of the churches are doing.

With this report we would express our gratitude to Dr. Livingston Johnson for making this paper stand out as the best Baptist paper of the South.

LABE ABERNATHY, Chairman.

Motion to adopt the report is discussed by W. R. Beach, a representative of the Recorder, and Joe S. Wray and is adopted.

The following named new pastors or visitors are introduced to the Association: W. R. Beach representing the subscription department of the Recorder, S. R. Bass, W. N. Cook, J. M. Trogdon, J. O. Fulbright, C. E. Maddry, of the State Mission Board, A. R. Holland, Hoyle Love, E. A. Teague, L. C. Douthit, W. T. Brown, E. C. Andrews, and L. A. Allen of the York Association.

Dr. C. E. Maddry is called to the platform for the Lecture arranged for this hour and in a vivid, eloquent and masterly manner he presented his subject, "What the World Needs Today," which was greatly enjoyed by all who heard him.

The Moderator appoints the following committee on Time, Place and Preacher: S. R. Bass, T. A. Lineberger, and W. W. Williams.

Application is made by the Flint-Groves and the Hardin Baptist Churches for membership in the Association. On motion the Moderator is instructed to appoint a committee to examine into their Articles of Faith and Church Covenant, and the following is the committee named: D. F. Putnam, C. J. Black and W. N. Cook.

On motion adjournment is taken at 12:00 o'clock until 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Benediction by Dr. C. E. Maddry.

## *Tuesday Afternoon Session*

Meeting called to order by the Moderator and after a song, "How Firm A Foundation," the devotional exercise is conducted by Hoyle Love using as the lesson a part of the 10th chapter of Romans, prayer by Dr. C. E. Maddry.

C. J. Black from the committee appointed to examine the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant of the Flint-Groves and Hardin Churches reports recommending that the two churches be received into the membership of the Association and the delegates representing them be seated in the body. On motion the report is adopted, the churches received and the delegates seated after the hand of welcome is extended them by the Moderator on behalf of the Association.

W. W. Williams reads the report on

### STATE MISSIONS

Our State Mission work originated with the organization of the State Baptist Convention ninety-three years ago at Greenville. From that time the work has grown, but it was not until the 75-Million Campaign was launched that State Missions ever "came into her own."

This has indeed been a great year in mission work within the borders of our own state. State mission money is the only mission money that does mission work in North Carolina. How gloriously it does mission work in North Carolina is evidenced by the admirable record of the workers for this year. More men and women at work, more sermons preached, and more addresses delivered, more meetings and institutes held, more churches and missions helped, more houses of worship aided, more people reached,more church members stimulated and enlisted, more souls saved by evangelism, more Sunday school work, more B. Y. P. U. work, more missionaries, and all other forces—a wonderful seed sowing from which shall come a glorious harvest unto the uttermost and throughout all eternity.

For the work of the year 1923 the Board, located at Raleigh, at the December meeting appropriated a total of $126,000 for all phases of the work. Of this amout $64,000 was appropriated for missionaries salaries.

We have on our Board this year one hundred and seventy-five

Missionaries. We have a corps of four Evangelists, with H. T. Stephens as Superintendent. These men are kept busy and are doing a great work. This department, through the offerings taken by the Evangelists, is almost self-sustaining.

In the Department of Enlistment and Country Church we have six men, with A. C. Hamby as Secretary. These men are doing a wonderful work in the forming of fields, securing better equipment for the churches, increasing pastors salaries and building up the country churches in a marvelous way. Since the majority of our preachers come from the country churches this phase of the work of the State Mission Board should command our attention.

North Carolina is making wonderful progress in Educational lines and is spending millions of dollars in public education. She is making rapid progress in better farming and better farming methods. She is fast becoming a great manufacturing and industrial center. Her roads are unsurpassed in the south. Therefore, it behooves us as Baptist to put on a program that will keep pace with the material growth of our state.

There are still some of our country towns and many of our mill villages without Baptist preaching. There are many churches without adequate church houses. There are 300 pastorless churches and 1600 once a month churches in the State. At least 60 per cent of the Baptists in the State have no part in the 75-million Campaign and almost fifty per cent are unenlisted and undeveloped.

Our present program does not keep pace with the growth and development in our State in material things. We must gird ourselves with new vigor and determination and go forward in a way that will challenge and call forth all that is best in our people.

W. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

R. G. Mace reads the report on

### HOME MISSIONS

The report of our Home Mission Board made to the Convention in Kansas City last year was indeed a gratifying one. That report shows receipts to the amount of $1,002,193.07, baptisms to the number of 38,770 and total additions to the churches of 59,597.

During the year the Board aided materially in the work of

the 75-Million Campaign in practically every state of the Convention territory.

The Church Building Fund has now passed the million dollar mark and much needed aid has been extended to homeless churches throughout the South.

Our work among the Indians has met with encouraging success as has that among Negroes and Foreigners. Perhaps the greatest task confronting Baptists of the South is the task of Evangelizing the increasing numbers of Foreigners who come into our midst each year. The negro, too, presents a challenging social problem. We are affected more vitally by the nine millions of Negroes in our midst than by the hundreds of millions on the other side. The only lasting solution of our Southern Race Problem is through the evangelization of the black man. This work, however, is painfully limited by lack of funds.

In Cuba and Panama the work goes on with unabated success, notwithstanding the crying need for workers and equipment. In Cuba there is possibility of doubling our membership in a short while. In Panama the churches are steadily advancing in thorough sympathy with our denominational program, and contribute liberally to its support.

Our Mountain Schools under the wise guidance of that matchless leader, Dr. A. E. Brown, shows remarkable results. These schools contribute in a great way to our entire denominational program.

A blessed work is being done among the soldiers and seamen. This work is bearing much "fruit unto eternal life", and is worthy of our best.

Surely we have abundant reason for thanksgiving to God for his marvelous blessings upon our Home Board's work, but there remains yet much to be done in reaching the millions of lost souls in our midst and in the enlistment of all our forces.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MACE.

## Dr. W. C. Barrett reads the

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is in its 79th year. The history of the work and achievements of the Board are wonderful. Its name indicates its object. Its work is confined to the gospel to the nations outside of North America.

The Board is carrying on work in the following countries:

Africa, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Spain, Palestine, Siberia. In addition to the above named fields, our Board is carrying on work in European nations, Laussanne, Switzerland, Moscow and Russia. It has also accomplished wonderful things through the European Relief work.

We have 891 churches, with membership of 103,328 on our foreign fields. We have 501 foreign Missionaries; 579 ordained native workers and 2246 ordained natives workers. Last year there were 12,611 additions by baptism to the churches on foreign fields.

We have 24 Foreign Medical Missionaries, with 16 native Medical Missionaries; 10 foreign nurses and 56 native nurses. There are 17 hospitals on our foreign fields, with 671 beds. 207,915 persons were treated in these hospitals last year.

We have 38 kindergarten schools, with 1057 students; 707 Elementary schools, with 26,297 students; 39 High Schools and Normal schools, with 3165 students; 5 Colleges, with 659 students, and 17 Theological Seminaries, with 426 students, making a total of 796 schools and colleges, with 31,789 students.

Our Board is just beginning its work in war-cursed and devestated Europe. It is hampered by debt and limited on account of funds. It is wholly dependent on the churches and individuals in the Southern Baptist Convention for money to carry on this great work, therefore, the very great necessity for every individual paying his or her full pledge to the 75 Million and every church meeting its full obligations in the 75 Million Campaign Fund. We recommend the hearty co-operation of every church and every Baptist in the efforts being made to collect 75 Million pledges.

W. C. BARRETT.

After reading all the foregoing reports a motion is made to adopt, and pending the motion to adopt they are ably discussed by Dr. C. E. Maddry, and are adopted.

Mrs. H. B. Moore reads the report on

**WOMAN'S WORK**

As Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Gaston Association it gives me pleasure to submit the following report:

During the past year six new societies have been organized. We now have an organization in 19 of the 30 churches in the As-

sociation. There are 19 Woman's Missionary Societies, 8 Y. W. A's, 13 Sunbeam, 2 G. A's and 1 Royal Ambassador, making a total of 43 Societies that are active and reporting each quarter. These 43 Societies have reported $10,851.00 this year. Five years ago we were delighted over giving $2,200.00, and that was before the Association was divided. This is a tremendous increase since the inspiration of the 75-Million Campaign.

During the year I have visited 11 societies in this Association, have written 240 letters and postals.

Our Associaltional meeting was held with the Loray Baptist Church, Oct. 3rd. This was the best meeting in the history of our work; 250 women were present, all the societies being represented but one.

Mrs. W. W. Williams of Bessemer City is the newly elected Superintendent of this Association.

The women of this Association pledged $97,898.00 to the Campaign and we have only paid about $40,000.00. What a splendid thing it would be for our Master if all the women were organized in all the churches of the Association and were giving to Missions, Studying Missions and praying for Missions as those are doing who are organized! We would more than pay all we've pledged to the Campaign. Can this be our aim for this year? A Missionary Society in every church in the Association and every pastor encouraging, and emphasing the work of women.

Respt. submitted,

MRS. H. B. MOORE, Supt.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed in a very interesting manner by Mrs. Moore and it is adopted.

By motion of Dr. W. C. Barrett the Association expresses by a rising vote its thanks and appreciation for the excellent work Mrs. Moore has done in developing the Women's Work during the past 19 years.

Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers."

M. O. Thornburg reads the report on

B. Y. P. U.

The following report is outlined in accordance with the

Standard of Excellence for Associational B.Y.P.U. Organizations.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE—

1—ORGANIZATION: Membership is composed of 46 Unions; 29 Sr., 5 Int. and 12 Juniors. Officers: M. O. Thornburg, Pres., Mrs. M. O. Thornburg, Jr. and Int. Leader, Miss Erla Griffin, Sec'y; W. W. Francis, V. Pres. Gastonia Dist.; Wm. A. McCoy, V. Pres. Belmont Dist.; Miss Lois Kendrick, V. Pres. Cherryville Dist.; Forrest Little, V. Pres. Dallas Dist. We have Executive, Program, Social and Finance Committees. The Association is divided into four districts with the above V. Presidents in direct charge.

2—MEETINGS: Annual Associational Convention held at Bessemer City May 27-28, 1923. 25 of the 30 Churches were represented and 40 of the 46 Unions were represented. The annual social was held in connection with this meeting. Simultaneous Study Course put on in April—20 churches participating—250 awards. Group Meetings held quarterly in the districts. General Business Meeting held annually and Executive Meeting quarterly. The President made annual report to Gaston County Baptist Association and to State B. Y. P. U. Convention.

3—EDUCATIONAL: 16 Unions A-1 or 36 per cent. We had 30 per cent increase in organization last year—making 94 per cent of our churches organized at present. From best information obtainable 40 per cent are tithers and 90 per cent giving systematically. Due to peculiar conditions in our Association the Annual Study Course and Training School were combined. 20 churches took part which included 60 per cent of the unions.

Special work accomplished—

The Aim for 1922 was organization. The Aim for 1923 has been efficiency. The above figures show the degree of success attained in organization. The Efficiency Aim is meeting with response and we confidently hope to report many points above the A-1 requirement next year. 340 letters and cards were written during the year. 25 visits were made by the officers to other unions.

Three Ministers have been called out from Unions during the year. Six B. Y. P. U. members have volunteered for missionary work and three have engaged in Assistant Pastorial work as Lay Assistants. The reports coming from local unions also show that a large number of Deacons, S. S. Superintendents and Teachers

have been drawn from the various B. Y. P. U's. during the past year.

Special recognition—

The Gaston Associational B. Y. P. U. won the first State Banner awarded for the points enumerated in the Standard of Excellence for Associational B. Y. P. U's at the State B. Y. P. U. Convention this year, having led all the Associations in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. THORNBURG, Director.

On motion to adopt the report is ably discussed by M. O. Thornburg, C. J. Black, H. E. Waldrop, A. R. Holland and E. N. Teague, and the report is adopted.

Song: "I Am Resolved."

S. R. Bass reads the following report from the committee on

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the Association meet next year on Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, with the Mount Zion Baptist Church, three miles north of Cherryville, and that J. O. Fulbright be designated to preach the annual sermon, with Hoyle Love as alternate.

S. R. BASS,

For The Committee.

On motion the report is adopted.

The Moderator announces the appointment of the following committee to prepare the Order of Business for next year: W. C. Barrett, C. J. Black and W. W. Williams.

On motion the Moderator is authorized to appoint a committee to prepare a report for the present ses-

sion on, "The Calling Out of the Called," and C. J. Black is appointed with authority to select assistants.

C. J. Black presents the matter of having the Association and all the churches represented in a Special Edition of the Baptist Messenger of 3,000 copies to be distributed at the Baptist State Convention and that all churches have cuts of the churches and pastors and a special write-up of them and a history of the Gaston County Baptist Association for the front page of the paper. The Association elected Dr. W. C. Barrett to get up the history in whatever manner he may deem best.

The Association adjourns at 3:40 P. M.

Benediction by W. N. Cook.

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## *Tuesday Night Session*

Meeting called to order after several inspirational songs were sung, led by R. F. Littlejohn and the Moderator designates A. R. Holland pastor of Centre View Church to conduct the devotional exercises who uses as the Scripture lesson a part of the 2nd Chapter of Titus. Prayer by A. R. Holland.

The Clerk reads a brief digest of church letters giving the material facts as will be shown by the footings in the financial and statistical tables in the Minutes, which shows most gratifying results for the past year.

On motion the order of business is changed so as to have the Report on Temperance come up on Wednesday and to have only the sermon tonight.

Song: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Dr. W. C. Barrett reads for the scripture lesson the

13th chapter of 1st Cor., after which Dr. R. T. Vann of Raleigh leads the prayer.

Song: "He Leadeth Me."

E. C. Andrews, pastor of the Mt. Holly church preaches the annual sermon. The Text or scripture basis taken from 2nd Cor., 7:10; Gal., 2:20-21; James 3:13; and 1st Cor., 13:13. The subject being, "Some Essentials in a Christian Experience." He follows the theme closely and delivers a masterful and effective sermon which is enjoyed by all present. It is regretted that on account of the constant rain throughout the day and night the congregation is small.

Prayer by E. C. Andrews.

Song: "Stand Up For Jesus."

Benediction by W. P. McCarter.

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## *Wednesday Morning Session*

The Association is called to order by Moderator W. J. Francis. After a song Dr. R. T. Vann led in a very earnest prayer. Song: "Where He Leads Me." Prayer by Hoyle Love.

R. F. Craig read the following report on

### ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage, located at Thomasville has had a very successful year. In fact one of the most successful in its history, of thirty-eight years.

The health of the children in the main has been good. Having only one death. But, there was more sickness among the Teachers than has been in many years. This with other things has made it hard on the school work. However, as announced a year ago, the eleventh grade has been added and thirty-four are

completing the course this year, which is gratifying. The offerings have been fine, especially the Thanksgiving offering.

Let us continue this by keeping the Orphanage before our Churches and Sunday Schools. A club of Charity and Children will help wonderfully. Get a club at 60c per copy per year.

There are 456 children at Thomasville and 91 at the Kennedy Home, making a total of 547. There are 71 Officers and employees, 2150 Children enrolled from the beginning, 227 aided in the homes with their mothers, 53 have been received during the year.

The monthly cost per child is $19.85. The annual cost $238.20. The daily cost for the support of 547 children $361.93. Vegetables, meats, and milk made and consumed by the Orphanage $29,800.93. The dairy alone furnished 70,354 gallons milk. At 30c per gallon would bring $21,106.20. Profit from printing department amounted to $6,877.55.

We are now in need of some buildings. Let us increase our offerings and remember the Orphanage in our Prayers.

Humbly submitted,

R. F. CRAIG, For Committee.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by R. F. Craig, M. T. Saunders, Dr. Archibald Johnson, Editor of Charity and Children and it is adopted.

D . F. Putnam reads the following report on

## EDUCATION

The Baptist State Convention is undertaking to maintain one college for young men at Wake Forest and two for young women, Meredith and Chowan. These three Institutions together enrolled last year 1,036 students, including 81 ministerial students and 21 student volunteers. Their plants and equipment are valued at $991,540.45. The total of their endowments amounts to $1,263,902.26.

Our five high schools are Dell, Buie's Creek, Wingate, Liberty Piedmont and Boiling Springs. These enrolled last year 1,421 students, including 65 ministerial students and 9 student

volunteers. Their joint property is valued at $540,000.00, and their endowment aggregate $1,900,000.00.

The Home Mission Board maintains in North Carolina 8 high schools which enrolled last session 1,669 students including 61 ministerial students and 53 student volunteers. The aggregate value of their plants was $442,150.00; the endowments $25,500.

North Carolina Baptists also take part in the support of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, The Women's Training School at Louisville, The Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, and the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. These Institutions enrolled last year 1,501 students, including 162 volunteers for foreign fields. Their property values aggregate $1,425,345.75; their endowment aggregate $2,905,-417.14.

Educational Institutions owned and controlled by Baptist individuals in North Carolina are Oxford College, Pineland School for Girls, Mountain Park High School, and the Orphanage High School. These institutions enrolled last session 389 students, including two student volunteers. Their property value not including the Orphanage, was $125,000.00.

While the above figures seem large, and are, they are not larger than the needs of the institutions require; and they do not by any means adequately represent the value of the service rendered by them to the Baptist denomination and the Kingdom of God. In the support of this statement, one has only to remember, first, that their rapid increasing demand for special training in every worthy human enterprise, of whatever nature, suggests at least an equal need for such training for services in the Kingdom of our Lord.

Second, the policy of compulsory education now being pursued in North Carolina means that the next generation of our citizens will be comparatively well educated, and that the general average of intellectual culture will be far above what it is now. And this fact in turn means, of course, that our children and their children will require educated leaders not only in the pulpit, but also in the Sunday schoool, and in all of our Christian enterprises. For while, of course, the first and most important quality in any Christian worker is spirituality and consecration these qualities alone will not enlist the interest nor command the following of the cultivated masses.

Third, the most subtle and persistent assault on our faith now

is in the field of natural and intellectual sciences as taught in our higher institutions of learning. And in those schools these assaults must be met and foiled. Only in our Baptist institutions can we have any voice as to the character of the teachings given to our young people, and it is essential, therefore, that these be maintained at all hazards.

No little nervousness and considerable alarm have been caused recently by agitation, most of which has been due to lack of information and misapprehension. Our people should know and remember that the trustees in control of their institutions are confronted every year by our associations and our convention; that these trustees are supposed to be chosen from our most intelligent, most devout, and most faithful men and women; that they in turn select teachers for all of our schools; that therefore, they ought to know, and do know, better than those on the outside what is being taught in our institutions, and the general results of such teachings; that exactly the same sciences are being taught now that were taught thirty-five years ago, and the output from these institutions of young men and women, in their devout and faithful service, ought to reassure those zealous souls who fear that our schools and colleges are being captured by the enemy.

Let our brethren and sisters remember these things and set their hands anew to the task of strengthening their own institutions for the mighty work to which God has called them.

Furthermore, while these Baptist schools in North Carolina are enrolling every year nearly 200 young ministers and about 80 young men and women for work on the Foreign fields, there is still a great dearth of both ministers and missionaries. Let the members of our churches, therefore, realizing this pressing need, pray constantly, both in their public service and in their private devotion, that the "Lord of the Harvest may send forth more laborers for the vineyard."

D. F. PUTNAM, For Committee.

On motion to adopt this report the matter of discussion is deferred and

J. H. Quinn as Chairman of the Board of Trustees reads the following report on

## BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Your Board hereby submits its sixteenth annual report since opening of the School. These have been strenuous years and have called for faithful work and much sacrifice on the part of Teachers, Trustees, and Friends but the blessings of success and the guiding hand of God have ever been with the School. May we ever follow where He leads.

The total enrollment for last year was 269, of these 132 were girls and 137 boys. There were in the last graduating class 60, of these 28 were girls and 32 boys. This was double the number of the preceding class, and makes the total number of graduates to date 316. Unfortunately a small per cent. of those who enter the School remain until graduation, but fortunately many who do not graduate here lay broad and strong the foundation for useful manhood and womanhood.

Total charges to students last year were $39,813.03 and total collected $37,075.62, leaving a balance to be collected of $2,737.41. Disbursements for the year were as follows: operating expenses of the School, $34,213.05; paid for permanent improvements, $1,629,33 and on back accounts $1,185.62, leaving in the bank from collections $47.62. In the amount named as collected, $1,750.00 were received from the Educational Board of the State Convention.

The following report to this Board from the Principal for the present term is self-explanatory:

"The enrollment to date by classes is as follows: Freshman Class, 63; Sophomore, 58; Junior, 68; Senior, 74; making a total of 263. Of this number, 154 are boys and 109 are girls. There are 170 boarding students and 93 day students. There are 217 church members. We have students from North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and Oklahoma. Eleven North Carolina Counties are represented. There are 135 from Cleveland County, 44 from Rutherford, and 7 from Gaston.

"The special departments are as follows: Bible, 163; Music, 83; Home Economics, 21; Art, 6; and Art Education, 7. There are 26 Ministerial and 10 volunteers. The B. Y. P. U's have an enrollment of 83."

Memorial Building: Under authority given at the last session of the Associations, your Board borrowed $2,150.00 with which the exterior of the building was completed and the auditorium almost completed—near enough for the holding of Com-

mencement in it. The teachers and students assumed the task of raising funds to seat the Auditorium with opera chairs at a cost of nearly $2,000.00 without expense to the Board. They only have a small balance to raise yet. It will require from $9,000.00 to $10,000.00 yet to complete this building, but, when completed, it would be a credit to any college. We now owe about $10,000.00 for borrowed money on this building, but have nearly enough pledges to pay it if it were all collected.

It will be recalled that a large number of churches and individuals made pledges last year to cover the tuition of the ministerial students for the year. A few have not paid their pledges in full. At the regular rate of tuition, the total due on account of ministerial students was $970.00. On this was paid $835.76, leaving a balance of $134.24. No provision was made last year for balances due by King's Mountain and Sandy Run Associations on ministerial education for the preceding year. That matter still remains open. Your Board had hoped to be able in this report to recommend some better method for providing for the tuition of the ministerial students, but, so far, no satisfactory plan has been found. In any event, some way must be worked out by which we can continue to handle this item of expense. We could ill afford to lose the moral influence of these 26 ministerial students whose lives, as a rule, are models for other students. Other like schools offer free tuition to them and we cannot and must not do less.

The Gaston County Association recently donated the sum of $1100 to the endowment of the Chair of the Bible, making a total endowment to date of $2500.00.

Again, we thank most heartily the pastors and ministers of these three Associations, who are all advisory members of this Board, for the hearty co-operation that we have always received at their hands. God only knows how much your school owes to these heralds of the cross for its marked success to date. Brethren, in conclusion, we commend to you the words of Paul to the Corinthian Church (I. Cor. I:I0): "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

This 29th September, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. QUINN,
Chairman Board Trustees.

G. B. PRUETT,
Secretary Board Trustees.

On motion to adopt this report in connection with the report on Christian Education, the Ministerial Students (27 in number) and others from the school are invited to the front and presented as a very effective argument for Christian Education. In this connection the young men render a beautiful Quartette. G. R. Green, pastor Boiling Springs Church, and teacher of Bible in the school, makes a brief statement in the interest of the school. The several subjects are then discussed very ably by D. F. Putnam, Dr. R. T. Vann, Educational Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and the matter of further discussion is deferred until the afternoon meeting.

The following members of the Association are named to serve as chairmen and write reports for next year on the subjects named:

State Missions, W. C. Barrett
Home Missions, J. O. Fulbright
Foreign Missions, D. F. Putnam
Biblical Recorder, W. T. Brown
Orphanage, H. E. Waldrop
Temperance, J. C. Mullen
B. Y. P. U., M. O. Thornburg
Women's Work, President W. M. U. Gaston Baptist Association
Education, E. C. Andrews
Ministerial Relief, Joe S. Wray
Sunday Schools, W. N. Cook
Obituaries, S. R. Bass
Adjourned at 12:00 o'clock until 1:00 P. M.
Benediction by R. S. Bass.

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## *Wednesday Afternoon Session*

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. After a song a prayer by T. P. Stanfield.

The Boiling Springs High School Quartette composed of Roland Hamrick, Carl Jordan, Sam Allen and

David Allen sang, "I Want My Life to Tell," and "What Did He Do," to the great delight of the Association.

The Moderator announces the appointment of: Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, R. F. Craig, David P. Dellinger and R. S. Lewis. Southern Baptist Convention: D. P. Stowe. Member State Board of Missions: Dr. W. C. Barrett.

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee is named as follows: J. T. Trogdon, M. O. Thornburg and M. L. Barnes.

Discussion of the reports on Christian Education and Boiling Springs High School is resumed by J. H. Quinn, of Shelby, W. J. Francis, and while the Moderator speaks, Vice-Moderator C. J. Black presides then he speaks as does also R. F. Craig and R. S. Lewis. In this connection the following pledges are made to provide free tuition for the Ministerial students or volunteer girls: R. S. Lewis for the Dallas Sunday School, Cherryville Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Church, David P. Dellinger's Sunday School Class, First Church Belmont, Ranlo Church and Sunday School, Centre View Church, McAdenville Church, Bruington Church, Hoyle Love and First Baptist Church Gastonia two.

Song by Boiling Springs Delegation: "I am Bound For The Promised Land."

A free-will offering is made for the benefit of the girls at Boiling Springs amounting to $55.50.

Quartette by the Boiling Springs young men: "The Old Rugged Cross."

M. A. Stroup files the following report on

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Matthew A. Stroup, for the committee appointed to assist in the collection of funds belonging to the Gaston County Association, reports as follows:

That the $1077.85 collected and reported at the last Association was delivered to D. F. Putnam, as directed by the Association. Since that time your committee has received from Mr. S.

T. Gaddy, Trustee, $120.00 interest on amount still due the Gaston County Association.

The Committee further reports that those owing notes and mortgages to the South Fork and Gaston County Associations have promised to settle them some time during the coming year.

MATTHEW A. STROUP,
For the Committee.

C. J. Black reads the following report on

THE CALLING OUT OF THE CALLED

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| Mt. Zion | Lee Waycaster, Ministry.<br>Miss Ethel Henry, Missionary |
| Centre View | Zimri Rotan, Ministry |
| | Jesse Keever, Ministry.<br>Zanie Gregory, Missionary.<br>Lilly Abee, Missionary. |
| Sandy Plains | Albert Millen, Missionary.<br>Hayyr Hanna, Ministry.<br>Fannie Featherston, Missionary |
| Loray | Alma Kee, Missionary.<br>Myrtle Alred, Missionary. |
| Hickory Grove | Willie Abernathy, Ministry. |
| South Marietta | H. W. Baucom, Ministry.<br>May Hoffman, Pastor's Helper. |
| Mount Beulah | Palmer Biggerstaff, Ministry |
| McAdenville | Ollie Deaton, Ministry. |

This report was adopted with the report on Christian Education.

After discussion all reports are adopted.

M. A. Stroup from the Committee reports and recommends that W. F. Riddle and N. B. Kendrick be elected to serve for a term of five years as Trustees of the Boiling Springs High School; W. L. Walters for a term of three years succeeding T. H. King and R.

S. Lewis four years unexpired term of Dr. J. L. Vipperman.

On motion the report is adopted and they are declared elected.

W. L. Walters files the following

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

I submit to you herewith my report as treasurer of the Association for the year ending September 30, 1923.

**Receipts**

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| McAdenville | $10.00 |
| Cramerton | 5.00 |
| Alexis | 2.00 |
| Bruington | 4.00 |
| Shady Grove | 3.25 |
| Mount Zion | 2.40 |
| Dallas | 5.00 |
| Long Creek Memorial | 7.55 |
| Hickory Grove | 5.03 |
| Lowell | 5.40 |
| West Mount Holly | 1.50 |
| Calvary | 4.00 |
| Center View | 2.04 |
| Mount Beulah | 3.66 |
| Loray | 12.00 |
| High Shoals | .58 |
| Ranlo | 4.14 |
| South Marietta Street | 5.00 |
| East Belmont | 10.50 |
| First Gastonia | 21.00 |
| East Gastonia | 15.00 |
| Rev. W. W. Willams | 5.00 |
| W. J. Francis | 5.00 |
| Cherryville | 13.68 |
| Mount Holly | 8.00 |
| Sandy Plains | 4.75 |
| First Belmont | 10.00 |
| Advanced by D. P. Dellinger to complete payment of expense | 28.02 |
| Total Receipts | $203.50 |

**Disbursements**

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| Carolina Printing Company: | |
| Enrollment Cards | $ 2.00 |

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| Program 1922 Session | 3.50 |
| 1000 Copies Minutes and Digest of Letters | 163.00 |
| David P. Dellinger: | |
| Clerk | 25.00 |
| Expense mailing Minutes | 10.00 |
| | $203.50 |

Note: All expenses have been paid. Statement of receipts would have shown a deficit of 28.02 but same was paid by clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS, Treasurer.

On motion report is adopted.

Joe S. Wray makes the following report on

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Baptists of North Carolina should be proud of their record in Sunday School work: they stand first in the ratio of Sunday Schools to churches and second in the ratio of Sunday School scholars to church members, the latter percentage being 82. Gaston County Baptists have additional cause for gratification in that they lead the state in the ratio of Sunday School Scholars to church members, with 142 per cent. I am sure that we all rejoice in the great improvement made in Sunday School facilities by Bessemer City, Calvary, East Gastonia, First Gastonia, Loray, Ranlo, and South Marietta, Gastonia.

The Sunday School interest and work are growing satisfactorily all along the line, county, state, and south-wide.

The Sunday School can and should aid almost every activity of the church, but its chief business is, and always must be, teaching the Bible in such a way as to present Jesus, the Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal.

In looking over the reports of the last few years, I became convinced that all of the ground has been covered. So far my recommendation I desire to stress evangelism as the ultimate aim of the Sunday school.

We have heard much of Decision Day. But how many of us have seen much made of it? After the Word has been taught, the pupils should be given the opportunity to accept and confess

Him whom they have learned to know. While they are young and easily reached, they should be won for the Master.

I suggest that once or twice each year an expert in working with children be secured and that a real Decision Day be held in each Sunday School. The success of this work will depend very much on the attitude and wisdom of the pastor and superintendent.

If the Association will champion this cause and influence the churches to co-operate in putting it over, another year will see a great increase in number of baptisms from the Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE S. WRAY.

On motion to adopt the report it is discussed by Joe S. Wray and is adopted.

R. S. Lewis makes the following report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The year 1918 will mark an epoch in the history of Southern Baptists. The launching of the Relief and Annuity Board meant a new day, the dawn of a new era for our Southern Baptist ministers. Its birth was an evolution, a change in the sentiment of the people from the thought of charity to that of justice and gratitude in dealing with the retired ministers, their widows, and orphans.

Southern Baptists in all the states contributed to the cause of ministerial relief in three years preceding the 75 Million Campaign $116,000.00. In the three years ending in May 1923 we contributed to the same cause $361,000.00, being an average increase per year of $84,000.00.

The board now has a beneficiary list of nearly one thousand. Others are being added from month to month. While great tsrides have been made since the organization of the Board, in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we have only touched the fringe of our obligation.

For relief work alone the Board is in imperative need of a fixed income of $100,000.00 per year. This will make necessary an endowment fund of at least one and a half million dollars, of which it now has about half a million.

Our Baptist people should make it clear to the minister that after he has given himself whole-heartedly to the work, if he should become disabled, or die, the denomination would not permit his family to suffer, nor him to be in need in his declining

years. This assurance on the part of the denomination will put new life in our preachers, greatly increased efficiency, and the denomination will be the real beneficiary.

| Total No. of Beneficiaries: | Total Paid to Beneficiaries: | Relief Assets: | Annuity Assets: | Total Assets: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May, 1920--500 | 62,217.61 | 70,974.06 | 91,149.04 | 162,123.10 |
| May, 1921--750 | 118,988.82 | 389,783.43 | 525,114.27 | 914,897.70 |
| May, 1922--804 | 128,966.88 | 419,027.25 | 730,061.27 | 1,149,088.52 |
| May, 1923--925 | 113,322.15 | 496,720.61 | 993,472.98 | 1,490,193.59 |

R. S. LEWIS

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by R. S. Lewis and Joe S. Wray and the report is adopted.

C. J. Black submits the following report on

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1924

TUESDAY, A. M.

10:00—Devotional.
10:15—Enrollment of Delegates.
10:30—Organization and Recognition of Visitors.
10:40—Report on Sunday School.
11:30—Biblical Recorder.
12:00—Dinner.

TUESDAY, P. M.

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Report on Woman's Work.
1:45—Reports on the following: State, Home and Foreign Missions.
3:00—Report on B. Y. P. U. Work.
3:45—Report of Executive Committee and Miscellaneous.

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:00—Report on Temperance.
8:15—Sermon.

WEDNESDAY, A. M.

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—Report on Orphanage.
10:15—Report on Education—(Boiling Springs School.)
11:15—Miscellaneous Business.
12:00—Dinner.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

1:00—Devotional.

1:15—Ministerial Relief
1:30—Obituaries.
1:40—Report of Committee on Calling Out the Called.
2:00—Miscellaneous Business.

W. C. BARRETT,
C. J. BLACK,
W. W. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

On motion the report is adopted.

T. C. Smith makes the report on

**OBITUARIES**

We have lost the following by death the past year as reported: East Belmont, 3; Bessemer City, 8; Bruington, 8; Center View, 2; Cramerton, 3; Cherryville, 4; Dallas, 2; First Gastonia, 4; So. Marietta St., 1; Hull's Grove, 2; Long Creek Memorial, 7; McAdenville, 3; Mt. Zion, 1; Shady Grove, 1; West Mt. Holly, 1; Mt. Holly, 3; Hardin, 2; Loray, 7. Total, 56.

I would recommend, if the Association expects the one selected to write the report on obituaries to take his task seriously, that we ought to provide some way for him to get these reports. To write to every church for the information desired would require a great deal of time which would be spent in vain, because from past experience he would get a reply from a very small per cent to a communication of this kind.

T. C. SMITH.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by T. C. Smith and is adopted.

M. A. Stroup, for W. E. Hull, Chairman, reads the following report on

**TEMPERANCE**

A Christian and Baptist can rejoice at last that this great country has awakened to the danger of alcohol and all intoxicating drinks and that through the efforts of God's people, especially the Christian women, the law of prohibition has been passed and legally this country is dry. Yet we see the hand of Satan in the illicit making of whiskey, blindtigers, bootleggers, etc. who openly defy the laws of this country. It behooves us as Baptists and Christians and good citizens of this Great Republic to do all we

can to stamp out this great evil, because of the fact that it not only ruins the lives of its victims, but stands as a menace to future generations. We cannot afford to ignore this great evil which carries in its train of destruction, strife and anarchy. Destruction of homes and in its persuit of its unlawful evil, death. Let the church, for the good of the cause of Christianity and purity of the Church of Christ, withdraw its fellowship from everyone that aid in the manufacture, the sale or use of illicit liquor. Let the Christian be much in prayer about this evil. Let every true Baptist go on record as opposed to every officer, town, county, State, or United States, who takes sides with it.

With our splendid success against strong drinks we have other forms of intemperance. The cigarette habit is growing by leaps and bounds. Since 1921, according to statistics, the output for cigarettes has increased 40 percent. Today six billion cigarettes per month are manufactured, to say nothing of the "roll your own kind". Let us take our place against the cigarette evil that is blighting the lives of our boys and girls.

The Coca-Cola habit is another evil that is rapidly increasing, and has its friends from all classes. We have no statistics, but from our observation, there is more money spent for it than was spent for whiskey 20 years ago.

W. E. HULL, Chairman.

On motion it is adopted.

It is moved by W. P. McCarter that the Association accept the proposition of the Ministers Baptist Conference of Gaston County to turn over the Gastonia Baptist Messenger to the Gaston County Baptist Association without debt or financial obligation on part of the Association.

On motion the following Committee was appointed to work out further plans and details and act on behalf of the Association and make its reports to the next session thereof: C. J. Black, D. F. Putnam, E. C. Andrews, W. W. Williams and R. G. Mace.

It is further provided that the name be changed to the Gaston County Baptist Messenger.

J. M. Trogdon from the Committee reports and recommends the following to serve as Executive Committee: W. J. Francis, Chairman, W. C. Barrett, W.

W. Williams, C. J. Black, D. F. Putnam, E. C. Andrews, H. E. Waldrop, R. F. Craig and F. M. Pasour, Jr.

On motion they are duly elected.

R. G. Mace reads the following report of the

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the past year the State Mission Board has aided four fields in the bounds of our Association.

Center View, a new church, in a new village near Belmont received help to the amount of $480.00.

Brother A. R. Holland, a consecrated young minister, is the aggressive pastor of this virile young church. During the year he has baptized seventy-six into the fellowship of the church and has had total additions to the number of 148. He has also erected a building at a cost of $2,000.00.

The Ranlo-Calvary field of which Rev. M. L. Barnes is the efficient pastor received $375.00. He has recently resigned the work at Calvary and is giving his time to the Ranlo, Flint and Groves churches. During the year a total of 57 were baptized on this field with a total gain in membership of 106. Splendid buildings have been erected at both points at a total cost of $28,000.00.

South Marietta, with Rev. W. P. McCarter as pastor, received $540.00. At this church 25 have been received by baptism during the year and additions to the number of 69. A Sunday school plant consisting of seven splendid equipped class rooms has been erected at a cost of $3100.00.

The Mount Zion-Shady Grove field, W. T. Brown pastor, received aid to the amount of $340.00, and notwithstanding some reversals has baptized 34, and had a total increase in membership of 45.

All these pastors are wide-awake and doing splendid work on their fields, leading their churches to ever larger co-operation with the Master's program.

Respectfully,

R. G. MACE, Sec.

On motion the report is adopted.

Joe S. Wray offers the following

**RESOLUTION**

Resolved that the thanks and appreciation of all the delegates and visitors are due and hereby extend to the good people and especially the women of the Loray Church for the bountiful meals served and other splendid entertainment shown them during the meeting of the Association. Resolved further, that the Pastor of the Church be requested to convey this message of appreciation to all the members of the church who had any part therein.

On motion it is unanimously adopted.

The Association adjourns at 3:50 P. M. Benediction by Dr. W. C. Barrett.

DAVID P. DELLINGER,
Clerk.

W. J. FRANCIS,
Moderator

# *Constitution*

## NAME

Article 1. The name of the body chall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association."

## OBJECT

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

## MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

## OFFICERS

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Article 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Assoriation, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions, and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other

Boards or Committees from time to time as circumstances may require.

### TIME OF MEETING

Article 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

### VACANCIES

Article 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive Committee may fill any vacancy occuring between meetings of the Association.

### AMENDMENTS

Article 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

# *Addenda*

## MAILING CHURCH LETTERS

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churches prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to the Association at least ten (10) days before the meeting of the Association.

Further that the Associational Year close on the 30th day of September each year.

Therefore, no collections made, members received or business done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previous year's report. It is most important that this rule be observed for uniformity of the facts and statistics.

## MINUTE FUND

The fund for Minutes and Printing should be sent to the Association and paid over to the Treasurer to avoid delay in getting the Minutes printed.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, B. Y. P. U. AND WOMAN'S WORK

| | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | Superintendents and Post Offices | Secretaries and Post Offices | Officers and Teachers | Total Enrollment | Beginners 3-5 years | Primary 6-8 years | Junior 9-12 years | Intermediate 13-16 yrs. | Senior and Adult | Home Department | Cradle Roll | Normal Diplomas | Baptisms from School | (a) Contributed to Local Expenses | (a) Contributions to Orphanage, Missions, etc. | Total of all Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alexis | T. W. Garrison, Alexis | A. L. McAlister, Alexis | 9 | 216 | 37 | 33 | 32 | 52 | 53 | | | 2 | 11 | | | |
| 2 | Belmont, East | T. O. Hannon, Belmont | Ernest Bumgardner, Belmont | 25 | 343 | | | | | | | | 2 | 20 | 603 | 188 | 791.27 |
| 3 | Belmont, First | D. P. Stowe, Belmont | Ralph Armstrong, Belmont | 14 | 207 | 10 | 10 | 34 | 30 | 88 | 21 | 16 | 7 | 2 | 280 | 180 | 460.43 |
| 4 | Bessemer City | J. B. Keeter, Bessemer City | Miss Nell Dobbins, Bessemer City | 18 | 318 | 29 | 28 | 54 | 28 | 163 | | | 5 | 20 | 1,732 | 100 | 1,832.15 |
| 5 | Brington | W. B. Rhyne, Stanley | Charles Spurrow, Stanley | 13 | 194 | 10 | 15 | 31 | 37 | 88 | | | | 10 | 103 | 125 | 228.95 |
| 6 | Center View | Ed Auten, Belmont | E. O. Lyebrand, Belmont | 9 | 351 | 37 | 41 | 52 | 37 | 184 | | | 3 | 45 | 170 | 194 | 363.75 |
| 7 | Cherryville | J. T. Allen, Cherryville | Dr. J. E. Holt, Cherryville | 15 | 361 | 22 | 35 | 65 | 74 | 127 | 23 | | 12 | 20 | 350 | 222 | 571.30 |
| 8 | Cramerton | W. R. Bush, Cramerton | Floyd Wallace, Cramerton | 19 | 132 | 58 | 75 | 69 | 60 | 151 | | | 7 | 20 | 370 | 2 | 372.20 |
| 9 | Dallas | G. H. Logan, Dallas | Miss May Durham, Dallas | 10 | 175 | 10 | 31 | 48 | 36 | 40 | | | | | 251 | 302 | 553.62 |
| 10 | Calvary, Gastonia | S. G. McAlister, Rt. 3, Gastonia | Miss Hazel Smith, Gastonia | 12 | 335 | 31 | 48 | 67 | | 177 | | 22 | 12 | | 417 | 108 | 525.10 |
| 11 | East Gastonia | W. L. Walters, Gastonia | D. M. Robinson, Gastonia | 25 | 565 | 34 | 64 | 107 | 92 | 209 | 32 | 42 | | 50 | 746 | 506 | 1,252.64 |
| 12 | First Gastonia | W. H. Wray, Gastonia | A. M. McLean, Gastonia | 48 | 831 | 48 | 68 | 91 | 86 | 491 | | | 32 | 18 | 2 292 | 904 | 3,196.10 |
| 13 | So. Marietta, Gastonia | J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia | G. A. Howell, Gastonia | 14 | 330 | 25 | 32 | 46 | 41 | 172 | | 68 | | | 264 | 287 | 550.83 |
| 14 | Hickory Grove | B. J. Hovis, Mt. Holly | L. M. Montgomery, Mt. Holly | 9 | 110 | | | | | | | | | 5 | 70 | 80 | 150.05 |
| 15 | High Shoals | L. V. Lyda, High Shoals | W P Carpenter, High Shoals | 14 | 141 | 7 | 17 | 18 | 23 | 55 | | | 1 | | 119 | 14 | 133.63 |
| 16 | Hull's Grove | T. B. Hull, Henry | Miss Annie Hull, Cherryville | 7 | 87 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 23 | 11 | | 16 | 5 | 11 | 30 | 12 | 42.00 |
| 17 | Long Creek Memorial | F. M. Pasour, Dallas | Ben T. Lineberger, Dallas | 14 | 200 | 10 | 12 | 28 | 36 | 100 | | | | 11 | 117 | 221 | 338.81 |
| 18 | Loray | W. Lee Smith, Gastonia | W. F. Gilliam, Gastonia | | 2917 | | | | | | | | | | 673 | 2,128 | 2,801.30 |
| 19 | Lowell | R. L. Featherston, Lowell | H. H. Roberts, Lowell | 11 | 256 | | | | | | | | 2 | 14 | 143 | 528 | 671.57 |
| 20 | Lucia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | McAdenville | T. L. Austin, McAdenville | D. F. Rhyne, McAdenville | 13 | 418 | 35 | 65 | 65 | 42 | 198 | | 116 | 2 | 28 | | | |
| 22 | Mt. Beulah | E.H Boggerstaff, Rt. 2, Bessemer City | B. H. Carpenter, Rt. Bessemer City | 9 | 103 | 7 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 46 | | | | 1 | | 13 | 13.78 |
| 23 | Mt. Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly | C. H. Hoover, Mt. Holly | 14 | 419 | | 50 | 165 | 56 | 105 | 35 | | 10 | 80 | 155 | 581 | 735.36 |
| 24 | Mt. Zion | A. L. Putnam, Cherryville | Jenkins Henry, Cherryville | 8 | 94 | | 17 | 20 | | 49 | | | 11 | | 71 | 17 | 87.50 |
| 25 | Ranlo | J. W. Mitchem, East Gastonia | Charlie Allen, R2, Gastonia | 10 | 419 | 25 | 95 | 60 | 64 | 165 | | 9 | | 1 | 572 | 210 | 782.70 |
| 26 | Sandy Plains | J. C. Milton, R. 2, Gastonia | J. P. Horne, Rt. Lowell | 12 | 118 | 30 | 12 | 17 | 13 | 37 | | | | 10 | 74 | | 74.65 |
| 27 | Shady Grove | Floyd Mauney, Cherryville | Roy Witherspoon, Cherryville | 5 | 58 | | | 16 | 17 | 20 | | | | 12 | 5 | | 1.91 |
| 28 | Spencer Mountain | W. L. Abernethy, Lowell | Maxie Thomas, Lowell | 10 | 288 | 22 | 32 | 25 | 22 | 109 | 35 | 33 | | 4 | 215 | | 216.14 |
| 29 | Tuckaseege | J. D. Smith, Mt. Holly | Landa Bumgardner, Mt. Holly | 10 | 136 | 10 | 16 | 24 | 24 | 52 | | 10 | | | 95 | 107 | 201.65 |
| 30 | West Mt. Holly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Flint-Groves | J. L. Price, East Gastonia | Vance Ensley, East Gastonia | 10 | 165 | 5 | 40 | 30 | 25 | 56 | | | | | 198 | 20 | 218.19 |
| 32 | Hardin | Justus J Friday, Worth | Maggie Eason, Worth | 7 | 73 | 18 | 11 | 16 | 10 | 11 | | | | | 47 | | 47.25 |
| (a) Cents omitted here but included in totals. | | | | 395 | 10687 | 529 | 1329 | 1203 | 934 | 2956 | 146 | 313 | 70 | 106 | $10,163 | $7,049 | $17 219.76 |

| | B. Y. P. U. Presidents and Post Offices | Number Unions | Total Enrolled | No. in Study Course | No. Bible Readers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Loy Lineberger, Alexis | 1 | 24 | | |
| 2 | Miss Mae Deitz, Belmont | 2 | 16 | | |
| 3 | Ralph Cato, Belmont | 2 | 46 | 14 | 27 |
| 4 | Miss Blanche Briggs, Bessemer City | 3 | 63 | 12 | 14 |
| 5 | M. C. Dellinger, Stanley | 2 | 50 | | 15 |
| 6 | E. O. Lyebrand, Belmont | 1 | 38 | 8 | 10 |
| 7 | Miss Gertrude Scism, Cherryville | 1 | | | |
| 8 | Miss Viola Trogdon, Cramerton | 2 | 36 | 16 | 20 |
| 9 | Miss Pansy Grigg, Dallas | 1 | 12 | | |
| 10 | W. C. Barber, Gastonia | 2 | 61 | 8 | 43 |
| 11 | A. O. Clemmer, Gastonia | 1 | 32 | | |
| 12 | N. N. Harte, Gastonia | 4 | 138 | 39 | 78 |
| 13 | Miss Grace Moore, Gastonia | 3 | 67 | 1 | 27 |
| 14 | | | | | |
| 15 | Miss Jessie Sherill, High Shoals | 1 | 31 | 19 | |
| 16 | | | | | |
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| 19 | | | | | |
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| 21 | Miss Odessa Jenkins, Gastonia | 3 | 53 | 23 | 33 |
| 22 | | | | | |
| 23 | Miss Lucile Pryor, Mt. Holly | 3 | 70 | 6 | |
| 24 | | | | | |
| 25 | Miss Iva Dixon, Lowell | 2 | 50 | | |
| 26 | Annie Lewis, Lowell | | 23 | | |
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| | | 44 | 1033 | 146 | 267 |

| | WOMAN'S WORK Presidents or Leaders and Post Offices | Members W M S | Members Y W A | Members G A | Members R A | Sunbeams | No. Organizations | Total Membership | Enrolled Mission Study | 75 Million Undesignated | Other Benevolences | Total Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Mrs. W. L. Chapman, Belmont | 22 | | | | | 1 | 22 | | 43 | 20 | 62.90 |
| 3 | Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, Belmont | 15 | | | | | 2 | 15 | | 20 | 533 | 553.28 |
| 4 | Mrs. W. W. Williams, Bessemer City | 20 | 15 | | | 30 | 3 | 65 | 9 | 240 | 117 | 357.15 |
| 5 | Mrs. D. F. Hovis, Stanley | 11 | | | | 9 | 2 | 23 | | 225 | | 225.00 |
| 6 | Mrs. Sally Roper, Belmont | 23 | | | | | 1 | 23 | | | 350 | 376.46 |
| 7 | Mrs. L. C. McDowell, Cherryville | 22 | | | | | 1 | 22 | | 551 | 169 | 720.09 |
| 8 | Mrs. D. M. Franklin, Cramerton | 20 | | | | 25 | 2 | 15 | | 76 | 12 | 87.99 |
| 9 | Mrs. Mervin Clemmer, Dallas | | | | | | | | | 509 | 20 | 529.50 |
| 10 | Mrs. S. G. McAlister, Gastonia | 13 | | | | | 2 | 13 | | 32 | | 32.20 |
| 11 | Mrs. G. R. Dixon, Gastonia | 16 | | | | | | | | 210 | | 210.00 |
| 12 | Mrs. W. C. Barrett Gastonia | 112 | 25 | 10 | | 46 | 4 | 193 | 83 | 3,501 | | 3,601.14 |
| 13 | Mrs. W. P. McCarter, Gastonia | 25 | | | | | 1 | 25 | | | 236 | 235.52 |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Lena Huggins, High Shouls | | 5 | | | | 1 | 5 | 5 | 26 | 41 | 67.50 |
| 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Mrs. Minnie Ellis, Gastonia | | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| 18 | Mrs. G. R. Grigg, Gastonia | 80 | 20 | 21 | 15 | 20 | 5 | 155 | | 716 | 307 | 1,023.71 |
| 19 | Mrs. W. N. Cook, Lowell | 26 | | | | 34 | 2 | 60 | | 142 | | 141.68 |
| 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Mrs. W. D. Nichols, Gastonia | 17 | | | | 50 | 2 | 67 | 8 | 529 | | 528.60 |
| 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Mrs. G. R Grice, Mt. Holly | 24 | | | | 24 | 2 | 48 | 14 | 319 | 20 | 339.25 |
| 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Mrs. W. A Cunningham, Gastonia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Mrs. N. A Jenkins, R3, Gastonia | 27 | | | | 13 | 2 | 40 | | 112 | 5 | 117.00 |
| 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Mrs. J. L. Brackett, East Gastonia | 12 | | | | 13 | 2 | 25 | | | | |
| 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 488 | 65 | 21 | 15 | 265 | 37 | 817 | 119 | $7,391 | $1 830 | $9 228 87 |

# STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLES

| CHURCH | When Constituted | CHURCH DIRECTORY | | | GAINS | | | | LOSS | | | Days of Meeting | Baptism | Letters | Statement | Restoration | Letters | Exclusion | Death | Net Gain | Present Membership | Families Receiving State Baptist Paper | Value Church House and Grounds | Value Pastor's Home | Total Value Church Property | (a) Pastor's Salary | (a) Other Salaries | (a) Ministerial Help | (a) Buildings and Repairs | (a) Incidentals | (a) Expense Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. | (a) Local Poor | Minutes and Printing | (a) Other Items | Total Local Church Contributions | 75 Million Campaign Undesignated | (a) State Missions | (a) Christian Education | (a) Orphanage | (a) Hospitals | (a) Other Benevolences | (a) Total 75 Million Campaign | Grand Total Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | PASTOR | CLERK | TREASURER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Alexis | 1893 | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C. | C. L. Abernathy, Alexis, N. C. | F. B. Morris, Alexis, N. C. | | | | | | | | 1 | 11 | 8 | | | 7 | 1 | 11 | 149 | | 1,200 | | 1,200 | 203 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 366 | 742.76 |
| 2 Belmont, East | 1912 | R. G. Mace, Belmont, N. C. | K. E. Simmons, Belmont, N. C. | J. B. Brown, Belmont, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 44 | 27 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 14 | 3 | 33 | 458 | 22 | 10,000 | 3,000 | 13,000 | 2,500 | 106 | | 1,439 | 359 | 319 | 50 | 40 50 | 165 | 4,069.41 | 770.92 | 9 | 4 | | 15 | 138 | 988 | 5,007.48 |
| 3 Belmont, First | 1874 | S. R. Bass, Belmont, N. C. | W. H. Stowe, Belmont, N. C. | R. B. Suggs, Belmont, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 3 | 13 | | | 12 | 1 | | 3 | 215 | 12 | 16,000 | 12,000 | 28,000 | 2 000 | | 319 | 171 | 277 | 460 | | 52.50 | 774 | 4,052.79 | 1,840.12 | | | | | | 1,840 | 5,896.21 |
| 4 Bessemer City | 1895 | W. W. Williams, Bessemer City, N.C. | J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City, N. C. | D. S. Wesson, Bessemer City, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 28 | 23 | | 4 | 14 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 390 | | 40,000 | | 40,000 | 2,000 | | 152 | 5,130 | 394 | 260 | | 25.00 | | 8,259.69 | 500.62 | | | | | | 501 | 8,760.31 |
| 5 Brungton | 1884 | Hoyle Love, Stanley, N. C. | Mrs. H. M. Craig, Stanley, N. C. | Eugene Craig, Stanley, N. C. | | | | | | | | 1-3 | 10 | 40 | | 1 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 36 | 228 | 13 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 6,000 | 1,000 | 12 | | 150 | 68 | 123 | 25 | 14.00 | 12 | 1,404.40 | 322.60 | | | | | | 322 | 1,727.00 |
| 6 Center View | 1921 | A. R. Holland, Belmont, N. C. | J. J. Duncan, Belmont, N. C. | Ed Connard, Belmont, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 76 | 72 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 138 | 196 | 30 | 3,000 | | 3,000 | 500 | 60 | 337 | 2,000 | 63 | 239 | 35 | 9.50 | | 3,243.34 | 195.75 | | | 188 | | | 585 | 3,928.71 |
| 7 Cherryville | 1893 | D. F. Putnam, Cherryville, N. C. | David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N.C. | J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 29 | 51 | | 1 | 27 | 2 | 6 | 50 | 471 | 40 | 75,000 | 5,000 | 80,000 | 2,000 | | 349 | 5,818 | 369 | 350 | | 14.13 | 178 | 9,006.53 | 1,070.09 | 100 | | 122 | | | 1,292 | 10,298.62 |
| 8 Cramerton | 1911 | J. M. Trogdon, Cramerton, N. C. | D. M. Holland, Cramerton, N. C. | W. L. Beatty, Cramerton, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 36 | 64 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 92 | 333 | 50 | 50,000 | 2,700 | 52,700 | 1,750 | 22 | 597 | 200 | 98 | | 100 | | 22 | 2,789.52 | 429.34 | | | 28 | | | 457 | 3,246.86 |
| 9 Dallas | 1877 | Dr. J. L. Vipperman, Dallas, N. C. | J. R. Lewis, Dallas, N. C. | R. F. Cooke, Dallas, N. C. | | | | | | | | 2-4 | 7 | | | | 3 | | 2 | 2 | 146 | | 20,000 | 10,000 | 30,000 | 1,000 | 120 | 35 | 536 | 76 | 80 | | 4.00 | | 1,851.03 | 735.11 | | | | | | 735 | 2,586.14 |
| 10 Calvary, Gastonia | 1920 | T. P. Stanfield, Gastonia, N. C. | W. A. Marley, Gastonia, N. C. | D. E. Elmore, Rt. 3, Gastonia, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 5 | 20 | | | 25 | | 0 | 162 | 22 | 20,000 | | 20,000 | 675 | | 106 | 1,576 | 122 | 114 | 18 | 5.00 | 178 | 2,793.75 | 82.13 | | | 108 | | | 190 | 2,983.70 |
| 11 East Gastonia | 1901 | J. O. Fulbright, Gastonia, N. C. | M. T. Sanders, Jr., Gastonia, N. C. | H. G. Harris, Gastonia, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 58 | 37 | | 2 | 83 | 8 | 10 | —4 | 489 | | 75,000 | 5,000 | 80,000 | 3,129 | 576 | 265 | 275 | 1,736 | 746 | | 3.02 | 370 | 7,399.97 | 851.73 | | | 507 | | 33 | 891 | 8,791.12 |
| 12 First Gastonia | 1876 | Dr. W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C. | Emery B. Denny, Gastonia, N. C. | J. D. Moore, Gastonia, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 19 | 87 | 4 | | 30 | 2 | 4 | 74 | 786 | 61 | 250,000 | 30,000 | 280,000 | 3,600 | 3,115 | 350 | 33,377 | 1,230 | 2,625 | 200 | 739.00 | 1,219 | 46,455.24 | 8,042.62 | | | 903 | | | 9,847 | 56,301.86 |
| 13 South Marietta, Gastonia | 1917 | W. F. McCarter, Rt. 3, Gastonia, N.C. | Edgar D. Beatty, Gastonia, N. C. | John W. Canipe, Box 108, Gastonia. | | | | | | | | * | 25 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 3 | 1 | 41 | 348 | 65 | 30,000 | | 30 000 | 1,040 | 160 | 205 | 2,503 | 695 | 264 | | 60.00 | 1,000 | 5,573.31 | 286.79 | | | | | | 287 | 5,860.10 |
| 14 Hickory Grove | 1878 | W. B. McClure, Alexis, N. C. | H. W. Abernethy, Lowell, N. C. | | | | | | | | | 2-4 | 5 | 13 | | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 163 | | 4,000 | | 4,000 | 400 | | | 189 | 18 | | | | | 607.48 | 339.20 | | | | | 53 | 392 | 999.68 |
| 15 High Shoals | 1902 | H. Love, Stanley, N. C. | R. L. Huggins, High Shoals, N. C. | J. A. Elmore, High Shoals, N. C. | | | | | | | | 2-4 | | | | | 20 | | —11 | 95 | | | 3,000 | | 3,000 | 400 | 119 | | | | | | | | | 519.47 | 90.99 | | | | | | 91 | 610.46 |
| 16 Hull's Grove | 1890 | L. C. Douthit, Cherryville, N. C. | D. A. Hull, Henry, N. C. | J. H. Brendle, Henry, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | —2 | 120 | | 1,000 | | 1,600 | 250 | | | 170 | | 30 | | | | | 450.00 | | | 47 | | 11 | 61 | 511.40 |
| 17 Long Creek Memorial | 1772 | Dr. J. L. Vipperman, Dallas, N. C. | A. R. Holland, Dallas, N. C. | T. S. Summey, Dallas, N. C. | | | | | | | | 1-3 | 13 | 6 | | | 12 | 2 | | 5 | 262 | | 55,000 | | 55,000 | 1,000 | | 107 | 2,212 | 247 | 181 | | 5.50 | | 4,652.08 | 172.95 | 146 | | 76 | | | 394 | 5,046.52 |
| 18 Loray | 1905 | C. J. Black, Gastonia, N. C. | L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia, N. C. | D. A. Grigg, Gastonia, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 94 | 114 | 28 | 1 | 53 | 10 | 7 | 167 | 1035 | | 30,000 | 6,000 | 36,000 | 3,800 | 1,300 | 345 | 6,930 | 1,240 | 777 | 831 | 205.04 | 6,008 | 21,406.05 | 596.25 | | 590 | 305 | 137 | | 1,029 | 23,124.65 |
| 19 Lowell | 1892 | W. N. Cook, Lowell, N. C. | R. E. Wyatt, Lowell, N. C. | R. L. Heldeman, Lowell, N. C. | | | | | | | | 2 | 14 | 16 | | 1 | 14 | 1 | 16 | 204 | 100 | 3,000 | 8,000 | 11,000 | 1,700 | | | 1,433 | 307 | | 10 | | | 3,449.69 | 239.00 | | | 25 | | | 264 | 3,713.69 |
| 20 Lucia | | | W. B. McIntosh, Mt. Holly, N. C. | Myrtle McIntosh, Mt. Holly, N. C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 41 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 McAdenville | 1887 | H. E. Waldrop, McAdenville, N. C. | Chas. L. Adcock, McAdenville, N. C. | M. A. Hartwell, McAdenville, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 33 | 10 | | 4 | 17 | 8 | 3 | 21 | 357 | | 5,000 | 2,000 | 7,000 | 2,120 | 72 | 375 | 381 | 167 | 291 | 20 | 10.14 | 601 | 4,036.65 | 2,062.07 | | | 40 | | | 2,102 | 6,148.35 |
| 22 Mt. Beulah | 1916 | Dr. J. L. Vipperman, Dallas, N. C. | M. L. Black, Bessemer City, N. C. | W. B. Elam, Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N.C. | | | | | | | | 1-3 | 13 | 14 | 3 | | 17 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 130 | 15 | 4,000 | | 4,000 | 401 | 24 | 40 | | 61 | 35 | 4 | 3.66 | 9 | 581.16 | 59.60 | 3 | | | 2 | | 65 | 645.76 |
| 23 Mt. Holly | 1890 | E. C. Andrews, Mt. Holly, N. C. | | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly, N. C. | | | | | | | | | 86 | 33 | 12 | 2 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 111 | 381 | | | | | 2,280 | 285 | | 3,076 | 551 | | 6 | 104.00 | | 6,302.18 | 631.02 | | | 191 | | | 822 | 7,123.05 |
| 24 Mt. Zion | 1875 | W. T. Brown, Cherryville, N. C. | Miss Chloe Dellinger, Cherryville Rt.1 | G. L. Dellinger, Rt.3, Cherryville, N.C. | | | | | | | | 2 | 15 | 6 | 1 | | 3 | | 1 | 18 | 156 | 3 | 3,500 | | 3 500 | 336 | | 36 | | 31 | 35 | | 4.20 | 16 | 457.75 | 190.80 | | | 17 | | | 208 | 665.43 |
| 25 Ranlo | 1919 | M. L. Barnes, Gastonia, N. C. | O. G. Rhyne, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C. | A. C. Warlick, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 52 | 28 | | 1 | 23 | 1 | | 57 | 195 | | 15,000 | 3,500 | 18,500 | 750 | | | 1,678 | 660 | 572 | | | 580 | 4,241.10 | 100.00 | | | 50 | | | 150 | 4,391.10 |
| 26 Sandy Plains | 1873 | C. J. Black, Gastonia, N. C. | Carrel Warren, Rt. 1, Lewell, N. C. | N. A. Jenkins, Rt. 3, Gastonia, N. C. | | | | | | | | 2-4 | 13 | | | | 13 | 3 | —3 | 183 | | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 300 | 33 | 90 | 5 | 10 | 103 | 8 | 7.00 | | 685.23 | 102.95 | | 36 | 105 | | | 244 | 929.18 |
| 27 Shady Grove | 1881 | W. T. Brown, Cherryville, N. C. | D. R. Stroup, Cherryville, N. C. | D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville, N.C. | | | | | | | | 3 | 19 | 7 | 1 | | 8 | 1 | 18 | 123 | | 800 | | 800 | 203 | | | | | 36 | | 3.00 | | 242.15 | 341.85 | | | 41 | | | 383 | 625.15 |
| 28 Spencer Mountain | 1908 | E. N. Teague, Lowell, N. C. | Iven Hoffmen, Lowell, N. C. | Elmer Hoffman, Lowell, N. C. | | | | | | | | * | 5 | 5 | | | 7 | | 3 | 108 | | | | | 420 | | | 43 | | | 216 | 17 | | | 696.15 | 145.25 | | | | | | 145 | 841.40 |
| 29 Tuckaseege | 1911 | J. C. Miller, Patterson, N. C. | J. D. Smith, Mt. Holly, N. C. | N. H. Huffstickler, Mt. Holly, N. C. | | | | | | | | 3 | 13 | | | | 8 | 2 | 3 | 93 | | 5,000 | | 5,000 | 216 | | | 215 | 12 | 202 | 22 | | 14 | 679.99 | | | | | | 94 | 94 | 773.88 |
| 30 Wet Mt. Holly | 1922 | M. G. Cloer, Mt. Holly, N. C. | J. T. Lowery, Mt. Holly, N. C. | J. T. Lowery, Mt. Holly, N. C. | | | | | | | | 1-3 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | 1 | —4 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | 25 | 24.55 | | | 4 | | | 4 | 28.31 |
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OF THE

# Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

# Gaston County Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

CHERRYVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

October 21-22, 1924

Next session meets with ALEXIS BAPTIST CHURCH, Alexis, N. C.,
on Tuesday after the Third Sunday in October, 1925
at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

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Clerk ---------- David P. Dellinger, Cherryville, N. C.
Treasurer ---------- W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

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Palmer Biggerstaff, Bessemer City

## MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

# Proceedings

The Sixth Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association is held with the Mount Zion Baptist church near Cherryville, North Carolina, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21st and 22nd, 1924, and is called to order by Moderator W. J. Francis.

After two songs: Loyalty to Christ and Onward Christian Soldiers, W. J. Francis reads the 4th chapter of I Cor. and offers an earnest prayer for the success of the Association and the cause.

W. N. Cook, J. M. Trogdon and David P. Dellinger are appointed on enrollment of delegates. The committee reports 89 delegates present for the initial meeting.

Song: He Leadeth Me.

W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder is recognized.

The churches and the delegates representing them are as follows:

ALEXIS—R. W. Hovis, A. L. McAlister, Charles Shelton.

BELMONT, EAST—G. G. Rumfelt, R. G. Mace, W. L. Chapman.

BELMONT, FIRST—W. J. Francis, S. R. Bass, D. P. Stowe, W. H. Stowe, Mrs. R. B. Suggs.

BESSEMER CITY—Lucy Williams, Miss Emma Myers, W. W. Williams, Mrs. W. W. Williams.

BRUINGTON—Mrs. S. A. Stroup, Mrs. Frank H. Morris, Hoyle Love, Mrs. Hoyle Love.

CENTER VIEW—A. R. Holland, J. J. Duncan, Florine Pressley, Vivian Thomas.

CHERRYVILLE—W. A. Suford, Mr. N. B. Kendrick, David Dellinger, J. J. Beach, S. A. Sellers, J. T. Allen, L. C. McDowell, Mrs. N. B. Kendrick, Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, Mrs. L. C, McDowell.

CRAMERTON—Mrs. C. O. Fisher, R. M. Lowe, R. L. Reeper, W. P. Carpenter, J. M. Trogdon.

DALLAS—R. S. Lewis, Wm. T. Baucom, J. Alonzo Rhyne, P. D. Summey.

FLINT-GROVES, GASTONIA—J. L. Price, T. S. Clark.

CALVARY, GASTONIA—W. A. Hoffman, T. P. Stanfield, Joe E. Stanfield, Ray Marley.

EAST GASTONIA—J. O. Fulbright, J. W. Stewart, G. C. Moss, Mrs. G. C. Moss, Mrs. G. R. Dixon, Augustus McCoy.

FIRST GASTONIA—W. C. Barrett, W. Lyle Smith, R. J. Dellinger, Joe S. Wray, W. H. Wray, Mrs. W. H. Wray.

LORAY, GASTONIA—C. J. Black, C. L. Hunt, D. M. Shepherd, J. P. Thomas.

SOUTH MARIETTA, GASTONIA—W. P. McCarter, Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. F. C. Harrill, J. A. Parker.

HARDIN—Justus J. Friday, Earnest Friday.

HICKORY GROVE—L. M. Flowers, T. A. Lineberger, Mrs. L. M. Flowers, J. Lee Abernethy.

HIGH SHOALS—

HULL'S GROVE—L. C. Douthit, Z. Vance Brendle, John Miller, Ollie Brendle, J. H. Brendle, Dora Willis.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—A. R. Holland, T. S. Summey, M. P. Rhyne, Herman Rhyne, Edd Carpenter.

LOWELL—Ira J. Harris, H. H. Roberts, Mrs. R. L. Helderman, Mrs. W. N. Cook, W. N. Cook, J. P. Kimbro.

LUCIA—

McADENVILLE—C. A. Caldwell, Labe Abernethy.

MOUNT BEULAH—E. H. Biggerstaff, W. L. Hastings, Mrs. B. F. Barbee.

MOUNT HOLLY—E. C. Andrews, A. U. Stroupe, Mrs. A. U. Stroupe, W. W. Skidmore.

WEST MOUNT HOLLY—

MOUNT ZION—W. T. Browne, George Dellinger, S. S. Wacaster, T. C. Carpenter, Ettie Dellinger.

RANLO—M. L. Barnes.

SANDY PLAINS—J. P. Horne, J. A. Parrish.

SHADY GROVE—Floyd L. Mauney, D. C. Sellers, Bert Stroupe, T. G. Mauney.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—E. N. Teague, Carl Sherrill, Maxie Thomas.

TUCKASEEGE—

The following are elected as officers to serve at this Session and the coming year: W. J. Francis, of Belmont, Moderator; R. S. Lewis, of Dallas, Vice-Moderator; David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, Clerk; and W. L. Walters, of Gastonia, Treasurer.

W. N. Cook reads the following:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In this day of great movements the Sunday School is keeping step with other agencies in the Baptist Church. We have made rapid strides in the last few years in our Sunday School work. At first the great task was to get an organization, but now wherever there is a Baptist Church, there is a Sunday School. But the organization is liable to go to pieces without a trained teaching force to keep it together.

Hence there are two outstanding needs in our schedule today. One is a church building equipped for class work. The Sunday School can no more do efficient work in a building with one or two rooms than the State can do graded school work in a building with one room. But we are fast passing that age. Since all modern church buildings are constructed with the Sunday School in view.

The second outstanding need is a trained teaching force, and emphasis is being placed here now. The Sunday School Board is putting thousands of dollars to this one phase of the work, and our schools and colleges are carrying a course in Sunday School work as part of the curriculum. Institutes are being conducted all over our state by well-trained young men. Last year there was 5321 awards received, which gives us a splendid rating among the States.

May we look to the future and prepare ourselves to take care of the many thousands that shall come to us.

Respectfully submitited,

W. N. COOK, Chairman.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by Jasper M. Burnett and C. J. Black and is adopted.

On motion of W. P. McCarter the Moderator appoints the following committee to work out a plan for a Sunday School Convention: W. W. Williams, C. J. Black and S. R. Bass.

Song, "Love Is The Theme."

W. T. Brown reads the following:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder sustains a unique relation to the Baptist denominaton. It is owned by a corporation composed of Baptist men and women scattered throughout the state. Like most papers the Recorder is not paying expenses, and is, therefore, given to the readers below the cost of production. This is possible because the Recorder Company owns an office building and a printing plant. The rent on the building and the job printing department make up the loss on subscriptions.

For 90 years the Recorder has stood on the watchtower and has been ever ready to do all it could to promote every good work and to sound the alarm when danger appeared. It's information has done more to unite Baptist in all sections of the State than all other sources. This union has resulted in a cooperation that has done much for the growth of the kingdom, not only in this state but all over the south.

At present the Recorder goes into the homes of a few preachers, deacons, and just a small number of laymen. It cannot do its best work unless it gets into the homes of every Baptist in North Carolina. We find by personal contact with the people that the families that take and read the Recorder are always interested in every department of Church work and are ready to cooperate with the pastor and other workers in the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord. We, therefore, recommend that every Church in the Association either place the Recorder in the budget or appoint a Committee of three to make an earnest effort to put our paper into every Baptist home in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. BROWN, Chairman.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by W. T. Brown, W. R. Beach, S. R. Bass, W. C. Barrett and Joe S. Wray and it is adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following Committee on Time, Place and Preacher: W. Lyle Smith, Hoyle Love and L. M. Flowers.

Mrs. W. W. Williams and Mrs. W. N. Cook are appointed to

take subscriptions for the Home and Foreign Field, Royal Service and World Comrades.

Miss Loy Stroup is appointed to assist the Treasurer in collecting funds for Minutes and Printing.

The Association adjourns at 12:00 until 1:00 p. m.

Benediction by H. C. Whitener, a visiting minister from the South Fork Association.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association is called to order by Moderator Francis. Devotional service is conducted by T. P. Stanfield. Songs "Amazing Grace and "How Firm a Foundation." Scripture lesson, Romans, 8th Chapter. Song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

The following is a list of visitors enrolled or recognized during the session: Mrs. A. R. Holland, Mrs. T. A. Lineberger, Lowell; C. P. Abernehty, High Shoals; J. E. C. Ford, Gastonia; C. H. Holland, Dallas; J. V. Stroup, Alexis; Mrs. R. H. Glover, Gastonia; T. A. Snyder, Rock Hill, S. C.; W. W. Rimmer, Maiden; Mrs. W. W. Rimmer, Maiden; Mrs. W. L. Houser, Vale, N. C.; Mrs. J. A. Hoyle, Maiden; Mrs. Floyd Mauney, Cherryville; Mrs. J. O. Fulbright, Gastonia; H. J. Mauney, Cherryville; Mrs. V. M. Shepard, Gastonia; Mrs. T. C. Carpenter, J. L. Hoffman, Lowell; H. C. Whitener, Hickory; M. M. Parker, Lowell; W. R. Beach, C. T. Usary, Lowell; J. N. Barnett, Hickory; Robert L. Reid, Lowell; Mrs. A. E. Clemmer, Lowell; C. C. Sipe and Mrs. C. C. Sipe, Cherryville; Mrs. N. G. Todd, Belmont; Mrs. G. Y. Tate, Belmont; Dr. B. F. Falls, Cherryville; Mrs. W. E. Ferguson, Charlotte; W. E. Ferguson, Charlotte; Lee Ferguson, Durham; J. H. Quinn, Boiling Springs; R. L. Lemmons, Shelby; J. W. Suttle, Shelby; G. T. Lumpkin, J. A. Snow, Winston-Salem; Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville; Mrs. A. B. Elliott, Gastonia; A. B. Elliott, Gastonia.

Mrs. W. W. Williams reads the

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

This last year of the Seventy-five Million Campaign has, perhaps, been the hardest for our women to keep up their pledges,

but in spite of the financial depression progress has been made in all phases of the work. We are marching on. The women of this Association have paid to the Campaign the past year $11,056.97, making a total of $51,056.97 for the past five years.

We now have in the Association 56 societies of all grades in 24 of the 32 Churches in the Association. Of this number 5 are A, 5 in class B, 2 in class C, and 11 in class D. Fifteen have had a Mission Study Class and Nineteen have organized Personal Service. We have 160 subscribers to Home and Foreign Fields, 130 subscribers to Royal Service and 161 subscribers to the Biblical Recorder.

During the year the Superintendent has visited 5 Societies, attended the Annual Meeting at Goldsboro, the W. M. U. of the S. B. C. in Atlanta and the Charlotte Divisional Meeting at Wingate. She has traveled 1269 miles, and has written 248 letters and postals

The Annual Association was held at Cramerton October 8th which was well attended, being about 200 women present. Every one who had been placed on the program was present with splendid reports and addresses. Our next annual meeting will be held with the First Baptist Church of Gastonia, N. C.

Our aim for this year is A MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN EVERY CHURCH AND EVERY SOCIETY A1.

MRS. W. W. WILLIAMS,
Superintendent.

On motion to adopt the report is interestingly discussed by Mrs. W. W. Williams and W. C. Barrett and thereupon it is adopted.

S. R. Bass reads report on:

COMMITTEE ON THE ARRANGEMENT OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN THE GASTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

First, that such a Convention be held at Bessemer City on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in April, 1925.

Second, That from the floor of the Convention there the officers be elected, consisting of a President and Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and an executive committee.

Third, That the minutes be preserved and printed with those of our Association.

Fourth, That this shall be an annual meeting of the Sunday School work in Gaston County Association.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. WILLIAMS,
C. J. BLACK,
S. R. BASS,

On motion report is adopted.

W. W. Williams reads report on:

GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST MESSENGER

1. That a Board of Directors for the Messenger be elected for another year.

2. That this Board be given full authority, under limitation of Sec. 4 to make such arrangement for the continuance of the paper as they may deem wise.

3. That it is the sense of this Association that an editor and a business manager should be employed to have charge of the paper under the direction of the Board of Directors.

4. That no arrangement be made whereby the Association shall be involved in financial responsibility.

C. J. BLACK,
R. G. MACE
W. W. WILLIAMS,
E. C. ANDREWS.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by C. J. Black and is adopted.

W. C. Barrett makes announcement of a plan and arrangement for the School of Applied Stewardship for the Association. On motion Dr. Walter N. Johnson is requested to speak on the subject at 11:15 a. m. Wednesday.

W. C. Barrett reads the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The State Mission Board was organized to supply the gospel, as Baptist hold it, in the destitute places in North Carolina. For nearly a hundred years the Board has diligently carried on its work and yet the destitution is, perhaps, greater today than ever before. Many of the Baptist strongholds in North Carolina were once mission points aided by the Board.

We have but one Board of Missions in North Carolina, for convenience but that Board has been made too much of a collecting agency. Many of the churches and pastors have transferred in part at least the responsibility of the local church to collect and forward its mission money to the Board. This is not only unwise but it is dangerous. The responsibility must remain with the church. The self supporting Baptist church that waits for suggestions or help from without to do its regular work is failing to function as it should and is an unnecessary expense to the Board.

We suggest that every pastor and church in the Association make a special and desperate effort to wind up the Seventy-Five Million campaign successfully by the end of this year.

We heartily recommend the "EVERY MEMBER CANVAS" to be put on the last of November. We would like to see the Gaston County Association one hundred percent as to churches and individuals in this canvas.

W. C. BARRETT.

J. O. Fulbright reads the following:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The report that we make on Home Missions is made up mostly of extracts taken from previous reports given by Dr. Gray just a short time ago. Throughout the year the blessings of God have been upon our work in a remarkable way. Necessary retrenchment in our forces has affected the work somewhat, but compensation in a large measure has been found in the unwonted favor of God upon the labors of our missionaries and evangelists. Meetings of great power have been held by these workers in various fields and thousands have been brought to Christ. One striking characteristic, indeed, in our work has been the fruitage of former sowing and culture, watered with tears and now ripened into a great harvest. The scripture has been fulfilled that they who go forth weeping are coming back rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them. Some notably hard fields where the Board has been laboring for years and years, laying the foundations, toiling through days of gloom and anxiety, are coming to self-support and in turn having a joyful part in our denominational work.

THE OUTLOOK. In every department of our work there is need for enlargement. The calls are many and heart-searching from weak churches needing help, from destitute fields needing missionaries, from city and countryside for the work of the evangelist.

A cry comes likewise in the way of gifts and loans to struggling churches who are trying to erect suitable church buildings. The success of our workers—evangelists and missionaries— has been so great as to create needs never before dreamed of in the way of new converts and enlargement of facilities. A great increase in our resources must come if we meet these opening fields and crying needs.

These crying calls for help are impelled by wide open doors of opportunity. These doors in many cases will be closed if not entered speedily. Multitudes of our fine young people, trained and equipped for Christian service, are begging to be sent into the white harvest fields. Never in the history of our Home Mis-

sion work has the Lord's blessings been so abundantly upon us and never the need so great and never the opportunity so inviting.

Now in view of these facts we recommend the hearty co-operation of very church in doing her utmost that these urgent needs may all be met and that for the glory of our Christ.

J. O. FULBRIGHT.

J. J. Beach reads the following:

## REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Inasmuch as all of our Foreign Mission work is done under the direction of our Foreign Board, at Richmond, Va., there is no Associational report other than a general statement of the work done under the Board. But since our Association co-operates with the Southern Baptist Convention, then all of the convention report is ours, also, and so we ask to submit the following summary of work for the last year.

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| Number of Countries in Foreign Fields | 15 |
| American Missionaries employed | 544 |
| Native workers | 2494 |
| Baptisms last year | 12,856 |
| Number of churches on fields | 1,095 |
| Number of church members | 111,872 |
| Number of Sunday Schools on fields | 1,511 |
| Number Pupils in Sunday Schools | 76,504 |
| Number Mission Sunday Schools | 860 |
| Pupils in Mission Sunday Schools | 35,106 |
| Total in Sunday Schools on Fields | 111,610 |
| Hospitals 9—with Number Treated | 6,299 |
| Treated Outside Hospitals | 70,416 |
| Total Treated | 76,715 |
| Total receipts of Board for the year | $1,912,770.08 |

Your committee submits that the above is a splendid showing for our Board in its varied work for last year.

In addition to all this, are our splendid schools, fostered by our Board, of which we now have 860 of all grades from primaries up to Colleges of which there are five. In these schools there were enrolled last year 35,106 students, who are being educated and trained for service to their own people in the years to come. These schools are great evangelizing agencies and inasmuch as every people must finally be reached by workers of their own race, these schools hold the hope of the future.

Our Board also supports medical work in three countries—China, Africa and Mexico. We have 19 physicians and 7 nurses

from this county together with 19 native doctors and 29 native nurses. The hospital work is also a tremendous aid in leading to Christ.

Again we would note the magnificient work of our Publishing Houses in disseminating the truth in the languages of the natives. We already have houses for this work in China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Italy. And seeing the need, plants of this kind are being planned for all the fields.

We need to remember that the Foreign Board has every phase of work to do that all the agencies in the Home land combined have and we should gauge our interest accordingly.

The few facts given in this report show that God is blessing the work of Foreign Missions, as conducted by our Board, in a large way and each separate department is functioning for Kingdom building and their influence is limited only by the support we give the Board.

We sent out last year only 54 new missionaries, while numbers of our young men and women are still at home after they offered their lives to the service. Lack of funds kept them here while their very souls were crying within to "Go".

If we are at all to meet crying needs, it is estimated that we must send out more than 200 this year. But last year the Board was only able to meet current expenses and could make no advances notwithstanding the pathetic appeals and crying needs from a lost world. In May the Board reported a debt of $711,000 and this after cutting down all expenses to the lowest limit.

In the 1925 program 47 percent of all South-wide offerings go to Foreign missions and in view of the large and varied work, your committee feels that is certainly not too large a proportion. We feel, personally, that when the facts of Foreign missions and all other objects are presented to our members that each object ought to stand on its own specific appeal and let the contributors decide on proportions and not divert funds given on one appeal to any other cause. However our only immediate relief from a serious and calamitous situation, is in the finishing the 75 Million campaign in the very best posible way, and we urge upon pastors and delegates to do their BEST the remainder of this year to lay this matter on hearts and consciences of all the people. Your committee believes that stewardship and tithing taught from the standpoint of the local church and the scriptural plan of a weekly presenting of offering before the Lord as an act of worship, will settle all of our financial matters in the way the Lord would have

them settled, and we are delighted that the 1925 program is placing so much stress on these matters.

J. J. BEACH, For Committee.

On motion to adopt the several reports as read they are discussed by W. C. Barrett, J. O. Fulbright, J. J. Beach, and Walter N. Johnson and they are adopted.

Song, "Higher Ground."

W. L. Walters reads the report on:

B. Y. P. U.

The Gaston County Associational B. Y. P. U. has continued to do a good work during the year just endiing. At the convention held in Wilmington the associational banner was again awarded to our organization but those attending the meeting from this county felt that more good might be accomplished if the banner was given to another, they therefore, yielded to the next highest in percentage.

At the recent convention in Wilmington, Mr. M. O. Thornburg, who has been the efficient leader of our organization for some time, was made president of the State B. Y. P. U. convention and bids fair to make that organization grow in efficiency by his work as he has done with the Gaston County Union.

The county convention met this year with the church at East Belmont on May 25 and 26. The attendance at this meeting was much larger than the state meeting was only a few years ago. The attendance of delegates went well above 250, they coming from almost all of our churches. The addresses delivered at this meeting by Dr. W. N. Johnson, Dr. J. Clyde Turner and Mr. Perry Morgan have been a source of inspiration to our young people during the year in their work. At this convention the following officers were elected subject to the confirmation of this association: W. L. Walters, Director, Miss Lois Kendrick, Junior and Intermediate Leader, Miss Blanch Briggs, Secretary, A. O. Clemmer, Vice President Gastonia District, Miss Addie Leeper, Vice President Belmont District, Mrs. B. S. Carpenter, Vice President Cherryville District, Herman Rhyne, Vice Presiident Dallas District.

The motto for 1924 for our organization is Stewardship. This was the keynote of the county convention and is being stressed since that time. Many of our young people have been attending the meetings held in the interest of Stewardship and many are now enrolled in the school of Applied Stewardship being conducted by the associational workers at this time.

During the year there has been nine new organizations in the

county. There are now 32 Senior Unions, 8 Intermediates and 15 Juniors, making a total at this time of 55 live working B. Y. P. U. organizations in the county.

In our opinion the B. Y. P. U. furnishes possibly our best organization for training the young people for real service to our Master but with all of its good qualities we feel that there is a great need for a closer supervision of the organizations by the pastors and the consecrated leadership of the churches. If the B. Y. P. U. does the work that it should do, the meetings will have to be visited by the leaders of the churches from time to time and the energy that is always present with the young life must be kept going in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by W. L. Walters, W. C. Barrett, Joe S. Wray, W. P. McCarter, J. J. Beach, W. T. Baucom and it is adopted and on motion W. L. Walters is elected Director of the B. Y. P. U. work for the county.

W. J. Francis reads the following:

## REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your Committee submit the following report:

The State Mission Board has aided the following churches within the bounds of our Association during the past year:

Center View, Rev. A. R. Holland, Pastor, located in North Belmont midway between Acme, Perfection, Linford, and Stowe Spinning Co., yarn mills, received aid to the amount of $480.00. Number baptisms 14, received by letter 62, restored 1, lost by letter 22, excluded 4, death 1. Present membership 265. Have bought a lot and erected parsonage at cost of $2100.00. Total to all objects $5206.93. Have alive W. M. S., Ladies Aid Society, Junior B. Y. P. U., Sr. B. Y. P. U., Sunday School and Sunbeam Band.

Spencer Mountain Baptist Church, Rev. E. N. Teague, Pastor, received aid to amount of $200.00 for the year. Received new members 21, lost by death 1, exclusion 1, death 1, by letter 8, present membership 119. Sermons preached 86, visits made 225, money raised for all objects $1514.24. Have a live Sunday School with enrollment of 235, Jr. and Sr. B. Y. P. U., Sunbeam Society.

Hardin Baptist Church, Rev. E. N. Teague, Pastor, received aid to the amount of $200.00 for the year. Received new members by baptism 29, by letter 9, by statement 4, lost by letter 6.

Total membership 81. Sermons preached 78. Visits made 300. Money raised for all objects $667.24. Have a live Sunday School, Sr. B. Y. P. U., Sunbeam Society. In addition purchased a lot and pledged $500.00 on it.

Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. T. P. Stanfield, Pastor, received from the State Mission Board $300.00 for the year. Sermons preached 120. Conversions 75, baptisms 64, received by letter 42. Total monies collected $5776.77.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church received from the State Mission Board $120.00. Number of baptisms 15, lost 5, total membership 166, sermons preached 42. Visits made 140. Total collections $842.00. Have a live Sunday School, W. M. Society.

South Marrietta Street Church, Rev. W. P. McCarter, Pastor, received from the Board $240.00. Received by baptism 12, by letter 10, by statement 2, lost by exclusion 17, death 1. Total membership 303. Money raised for different objects $4930.23. Have a live Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. Jr. and Sr., Ladies Aid, Sunbeams and G. A. Society.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. W. T. Browne, Pastor

Ranlo, Rev. M. L. Barnes, Pastor, received $150.00. Additions, by letter 46, by baptism 18, by restoration 2. Total membership at present 244. Sunday School, revised enrollment 433. B. Y. P. U., Senior 26, Intermediates 22, Juniors 28. Total collections $4286.11. Sunday School collections $609.16. Additional organizations, W. M. U., Ladies Aid, Y. M. A., G. A., Sunbeams. Volunteers for definite work 5.

Flint-Groves, Rev. M. L. Barnes, Pastor, received $150.00. Additions, by baptism 39, by letter 72, by statement 2. Total membership 195. Collections $2300. Sunday School 434. Additional organizations, Senior B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., Ladies Aid, Sunbeam Band. The church has just completed the first unit of its proposed building, costing approximately $5000. It has eight class rooms including an auditorium.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by A. R. Holland, M. L. Barnes, E. N. Teague, T. B. Stanfield and it is adopted.

W. L. Walters reads the:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gaston County Baptist Association:

I submit to you herewith my report as treasurer of the Association for the year ending September 30, 1924.

RECEIPTS

Spencer Mountain ----------$ 2.00

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| Mount Holly | 8.00 | |
| Mount Zion | 4.20 | |
| Sandy Plains | 7.00 | |
| Cramerton | 10.00 | |
| Long Creek Memorial | 7.55 | |
| Hulls Grove | 2.00 | |
| Lowell | 5.55 | |
| Hardin | 1.50 | |
| Mount Beulah | 3.50 | |
| Dallas | 4.00 | |
| Cherryville | 14.37 | |
| Alexis | 2.00 | |
| East Belmont | 6.50 | |
| Shady Grove | 3.25 | |
| West Mount Holly | 1.50 | |
| Flint Groves | 2.00 | |
| Loray | 10.00 | |
| Calvary | 5.00 | |
| McAdenville | 10.00 | |
| Marietta Street | 6.00 | |
| Center View | 5.40 | |
| East Gastonia | 15.00 | |
| First Gastonia | 21.00 | |
| Ranlo | 5.00 | |
| Bruington | 4.00 | |
| Total Receipts | $166.32 | |
| Deficit | 15.00 | $81.83 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Carolina Printing Company, Programs 1923 session | 4.50 | |
| Loftin and Company, Minutes | 141.33 | |
| D. P. Dellinger, Clerk | 25.00 | |
| D. P. Dellinger, expense Mailing Minutes | 11.00 | |
| | | $181.83 |

Deficit shown has been paid by the clerk of the association and is due him together with $28.02 from last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS, Treasurer.

On motion the report is adopted.

On motion of W. C. Barrett the Moderator is directed to appoint a committee of five to apportion the $33,000.00 to the different churches of the Association to be raised for 1925 program. The Committee is as follows: W. C. Barrett, C. J. Black, R. G. Mace, W. W. Williams and J. J. Beach.

The Association adjourns at 4:10 to meet at 7:00 p. m.

Benediction by C. J. Black.

## TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Association is called to order by Moderator Francis at 7:00 o'clock. Songs: "My Hope is Built" and "Throw Out the Life-Line." Devotional services conducted by A. R. Holland, who reads the 4th chapted II Timothy and leads the prayer. Song: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." Prayer by W. P. McCarter.

David P. Dellinger for J. C. Millen, Chairman, reads the following report on:

### TEMPERANCE

We thank God and take courage for prohibition and for what it has done for us. Yet we are not free from intemperance. The bootlegging business has been doing untold harm, but we have largely overcome it.

A chemist of the United States Government says that out of one hundred bottles of the vile stuff now made, only one has any legitimate relation to real liquor. The other ninety-nine bottles of noxious, unwholesome, semi-poisonous stuff is sold by men and women, and I fear some of them are church members.

Brethren, I beleive it is high time that Christians everywhere should rise in their might and in the name of the God we serve and rid this land of the vile and poisonous stuff for the good of mankind.

What we pay for cold drinks is much larger that what we give to the cause of Christ. Cigarette smoking and the use of tobacco in general is on the inccrease, and is sinful because many people are spending hundreds of dollars for tobacco, snuff and cigarettes and allowing the church of Christ to suffer because of the lack of funds to adequately carry on the Lord's business.

As a Baptist association let us go on record as being opposed to all forms of intemperance.

J. C. MILLEN, Committee.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed in an interesting and enthusiastic manner by J. J. Beach, A. R. Holland and E. C. Andrews and is adopted.

W. P. McCarter reads the following report on:

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

Matthew A. Stroup, for the committee appointed to assist in the collection of funds belonging to the Gaston County Association, reports as follows:

That since the appointment of the committee in this connection $2235.00 has been collected, and delivered the Chair of Bible Endowment Fund of Boiling Springs High School, as directed by the Gaston County Association.

The Committee further reports that those still owing notes and mortgages to the South Fork Association and Gaston County Association have assured us that they will be settled some time during the coming year.

MATTHEW A. STROUP,

For the Committee.

And on motion the report is received as information and ordered printed in the minutes.

Song: "More About Jesus."

J. O. Fulbright, who was elected at the last session of the Association to preach the annual sermon, takes charge of the meeting. E. C. Andrews leads the prayer. Brother Fulbright uses as a text a part of Matthew 17:19, "Why could we not cast him out?" He makes a vivid application to the church and individual of failures on account of lack of faith, and in all a most helpful sermon and timely. Prayer by J. J. Beach. Song: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Prayer and benediction by F. B. Hamrick of the Thomasville Orphanage.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association is called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the Mod-

erator. Songs, "Stepping in the Light" and "More About Jesus." Prayer, E. C. Andrews.

Devotional service is conducted by W. T. Brown who uses for the Scripture lseson Romans, 1st Chapter. Prayer by R. L. Lemmons, of Shelby.

Minutes of Tuesday and Tuesday night are read and adopted.

H. E. Waldrop reads the following report on:

## REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is the one vital living department of our denominational work that keeps us in constant touch with the crying needs of our dependent children.

For 39 years this work has been growing until we are now caring for 575 children at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home and 322 out in the state with their own mothers.

The current fund necessary to maintain the Orphanage is around $175.000.00 the year, not including buildings and improvements. The contributions of one Sunday in each month from the Sunday School and a great Thanksgiving offering equal to ONE DAY'S INCOME has become the main source of supply. The marvelous way in which the Lord has blessed this big home is a loud call for our continued loyalty. The denomination from mountain to sea has been wonderfully strengthened by the reflex influence of their generous giving to the Orphanage.

The helpless childhood of our state lays upon us the obligation to widen our work and to reach out the hands of help to those who are without a penny, a home, or a friend. And there are hundreds of children in North Carolina utterly destitute who are enjoying the blessings and protection of the Orphanage. So the task ever widens and we are therefore asking the Sunday Schools and churches of this association to continue to make larger investments in the Orphanage.

Your Committee would again recommend:

1. A monthly contribution from every Sunday School in this Association.

2. The plan of setting apart ONE DAY FOR THE ORPHANAGE at or near Thanksgiving by every man, woman, and child in this association.

3. A club of Charity & Children in the well organized Sun-

day Schools with an individual copy to as many others as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. WALDROP, Committee.

On motion it is discussed by H. E. Waldrop, F. B. Hamrick, and is adopted.

E. C. Andrews reads

## REPORT ON EDUCATION

The life of the state depends upon the educational system. And the value of that system depends upon the ideals set-forth. The ideals of any school system reach their true worth only as they are made to conform to the ideals of Christ. Therefore it is the duty of Baptist churches to make these ideals paramount in the life of our educational system.

### Colleges

The Baptist of North Carolina have formed a board of education, whereby they may systemize their educational program. We are undertaking to maintain in our state one college for men at Wake Forest, and two for women—Meredith, at Raleigh and Chowan, at Murfreesboro.

Referring to the last reports, Wake Sorest had 645 students, including 81 ministerial students and 7 volunteers for Foreign fields; the two women colleges showed a combined student body of 503, including 23 student volunteers. The combined property valuation of the three schools, including plants, equipment and endowment is $3,865,494.87.

### Junior Colleges

The Baptist of North Carolina, are also maintaining two Jr. Colleges, for boys and girls—Mars Hill, at Mars Hill, and Wingate, at Wingate. These two had an enrollment last year of 685 pupils, including 64 ministerial students and 20 student volunteers. Their property values was $340,000.00.

### High Schools

We have three high schools, Viz; Buis Creek, Boiling Springs, and Liberty-Piedmont, these have an enrollment of 1121 pupils, including 48 ministerial and 8 student volunteers. Their property is worth the sum of $431,000.00. We also have one hundred high school students in our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

By a little calculation you will see that the Baptist high

schools, and colleges of North Carolina, owned and controlled by Associations, and the State Convention, enrolled 3,254 students, including 193 ministerial students and 58 mission volunteers, and own property worth more than $4,977,404.87.

In addition to the above named institutions, our Home Board of Missions located at Atlanta, Ga. maintains 7 high schools, which enrolled last year 1196 pupils, and are worth $340,850.00. Their student bodies include 35 ministerial students and 44 student volunteers.

### Southwide Institutes

These Southwide Institutions in which we have a part include the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky. and the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas; and the Baptist Bible Institute, at New Orleans. These Institutes altogether enrolled last year 1613 pupils, and their property valued at $3,929,404.34. It is for the maintance of these institutions that our Educational Board is laboring.

While the $5,000,000.00 in round numbers, which we have invested in school property in the State of North Carolina seems to be a large sum, yet it is but a small item when compared with the many millions invested in State schools; and the few thousands which we raise annually for our schools is a trifling sum when compared with the State's annual appropriations to her high schools, colleges and universities. In addition to maintaning these institutes themselves, we are helping to support our 330 young ministerial and missionary students, which are being trained in them; on these we expend about $14,000.00 a year.

The necessity for maintaining our schools, great as it has been in the past, must increase rather than deminish for the future, for the following reasons, Viz:

1. Because our institutions must be kept in the front along with those of the State in the culture training that they give, or we cannot hope to keep our Baptist boys and girls in our schools.

2. In the past nine-tenths of our educated ministers and missionaries have come out of our Baptist institutions; and in the very nature of the case these still must be trained in our schools or nowhere. Moreover, the state is rapidly enlarging and strengthening her educational program, and compelling all her children to be educated. This, of course, means a much more intelligent membership in our churches, and this calls for a still larger proportion of our ministers and leaders; for an educated membership will demand an educated leadership.

3. Because of the tendency of some students of science to at-

tack the Bible from the standpoint of science, we must train our God-fearing men and women to meet these scientists on their own ground and while pursuing all knowledge in all realms, to relate all knowledge and all science to God Almighty.

4. The denominational schools emphasises not only the religious spirit but the denominational principles as well, and thus they help to enlighten and strengthen their students in respect to our dictinctive doctrines, and also to enlist them loyally in our Baptist enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. ANDREWS.

Pending a motion to adopt the report J. H. Quinn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School, reads the report on:

## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT ON BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL (Abbreviated)

To the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run and Gaston County Baptist Associations:

Twenty years ago the Kings Mountain Association, in session at Zoar Church, launched the first movement for the locating of and building of what is now the Boiling Springs High School. A little more than one year later the Sandy Run Association joined in the movement. In the Fall of 1907, the school for the first time opened its doors to students. Today your board submits its seventeenth annual report and points with some degree of pride to the success of your school during these years. But, whatever degree of success it has achieved is has all been made possible by the sacrifices and prayers of the good people of these associations under the guidance of an All Wise Providence.

You now have a plant consisting of nine acres of land and four buildings—three brick and one wooden cottage—forming a semi-circle facing a beautiful modern church building. The Main Building is now fully equipped and the boys' dormitory and the wooden cottage partially equipped with steam heat and water, and all are equipped with electric lights. Except the new building all are fairly equipped with furniture, musical instruments, etc.

The plant today could not be replaced for $250,000.00. The building committee has placed a contract for erecting in the subbasement of the Memorial Building a central heating plant for all of the present and for future buildings at a cost of about $13,500. Negotiations are now underway looking to the erection of an elevated water tank adequate in size for present and future buildings.

The present term opened August 11th, with all former mem-

bers of the faculty in charge of their respective departments, except Misses Lela and Mary Morris and Miss Lineberry, who resigned at the close of last term. They were succeeded by Miss Lois Lawrence, graduate in music, Meridith College; Miss Carolyn Garrison, B. S. Greenville Womans' College; and Prof. H. H. Wells, Jr., A. B. of Furman University. Since the opening of the term Prof. Lovelace has resigned to accept another position, and Miss Foster has resigned to enter Columbia University of New York, and they are succeeded by Prof. Leonard Wood, A. B., of Wake Forest and Miss Olney Thornton, A. B., Womans' College, Richmond, Va.

### Memorial Building

We are happy to report that, after a struggle of four years our beautiful three-story brick Memorial Building is almost completed. It is an honor to the school and to the memory of those in whose honor it is erected. It contains 24 rooms and an auditorium that will seat about 1000 persons, besides numerous halls. The building is in the form of a cross, thus exemplifying the memorial idea. Within a week or two the building will be entirely completed and will cost approximately $63,000.00. It will be remembered that the work on thiis buildiing began when labor and material were at their highest point.

### Bond Issue

It will be recalled that your Board was authorized last year to issue bonds in the sum of $40,000.00 to cover cost of improvements above enumerated and for purchasing some property. The bonds were issued as of January 1st, 1924, and are secured by a deed of trust on the property. They bear 6 percent interest, payable semi-annually and mature in five series of $8,000.00 each. The first maturing on January 1st, 1929, and one Jan. 1st each year thereafter to, and including Jan. 1st, 1933. The Wacovia Bank & Trust Co., of Winston-Salem is trustee in the deed of trust. Only about $14,000.00 of these bonds have so far been sold, but all must be sold soon to make the improvements above enumerated.

The Gaston County Association has recently donated an additional sum of $1100.00 to the endowment of the chair of the Bible. This with a gift of $100.00 from the last graduating class increases the endowment to $3700.00.

To those who may contemplate making wills in the near future we most earnestly commend the Boiling Springs High School, an institution worthy of your most generous bequests. Ths school

needs better equipment, more buildings, and, above all a substantial endowment.

Heartily thanking the pastors and churches of these Associations for their loyalty to the school in the past, we know we shall have their continued support in the future. Send us your boys and girls and send your prayers to the Throne in behalf of the school and student body.

Respectfully submitted. This the 1st day of Oct., 1924.

J. H. QUINN, Chairman
Board Trustees B. S. H. S.

G. B. PRUITTE, Secretary
Board Trustees B. S. H. S.

On motion to adopt the two reports are discussed by E. C. Andrews, R. L. Lemmons, and they are adopted.

Ladies of the Boiling Springs High School, Lois Lawrence, teacher, Alma Kee, Eloise Pruett, Mary Due Pruett, Aileene Biggerstaff, Calla Clement, Annie Lancaster, Mozelle Gold and Oveda Putnam, render a most delightful piece of music.

The Boiling Springs High School Quartette: J. C. Jordan, first tenor; Francis Lancaster, second tenor; Roland Hamrick, first bass; and Arnold Kincaid, second tenor, renders, "There's No Friend To Me Like Jesus," to the delight of all present.

The following committee is appointed to nominate an Executive Committee: Joe S. Wray, W. A. Hoffman, A. U. Stroup, T. P. Stanfield and R. J. Dellinger.

The Moderator announces the following appointments: Delegates to the Baptist Convention, W. T. Baucom, R. B. Suggs and W. L. Walters. Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, W. H. Wray. Member State Board of Missions, W. C. Barrett.

Committee to nominate Trustees Boiling Springs High School is as follows: W. T. Baucom, M. L. Barnes and S. R. Bass.

On motion of R. S. Lewis and duly seconded by C. J. Black the following resolution is adopted and passed:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Boiling Springs High School, by and with the

consent of the Educational Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, issued as of January 1st, 1924, $40,000.00 in bonds, in five series of $8,000.00 each, payable one each January 1st, from 1929 to 1933, inclusive, the proceeds from which were to be used in completing the building under construction and in making other needed improvements. And whereas, the Board conditioned its permission upon the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds by the Association that own and control the school, and, whereas, it is now apparent that a division of interest on the part of these three associations between our school and the other objects fostered by the condition will retard the progress of kingdom work within our territory: Therefore,

Be it, Resolved by the Gaston County Baptist Association, in annual meeting on this the 22 day of October, 1924, that we most earnestly ask the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to request said convention at its approaching session, to assume the responsibility for the payment of the bonded indebtedness of the Boiling Springs High School with the distinct understanding that said school shall make no further indebtedness without the consent of said Educational Board to the end that these three Associations may concentrate their entire efforts in behalf of the Convention's financial programs as a whole, and, to that end this Association pledges its heartiest co-operation.

The following teachers and students from Boiling Springs High School are recognized: J. D. Huggins, Principal; Iven Huffman, Lawrence Roberts, Lewis Crisco, Grady Bowen, Carl Matheny, C. M. Rollins, J. R. Greene, Lee Wacaster, Joe Burnette, Cline Francis, J. C. Jordan, H. H. Wells, Jr., A. W. Kincaid, A. J. Hamrick, M. G. Summey, N. S. Hardin, Rufus Walker, W. H. Flowers, David Roberts, Francis Lancaster, Roland Hamrick, A. N. Henderson and Grady Haynes.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Dr. Walter N. Johnson in a masterful address delivers his views and interest in the Gaston School of Applied Stewardship.

W. C. Barrett reads report on:

APPORTIONMENTS TO THE CHURCHES OF THE GASTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR 1925

| | |
|---|---|
| Alexis | $ 300 |
| Belmont, East | 1500 |
| Belmont, First | 2500 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bessemer City | 1000 |
| Bruington | 500 |
| Center View | 500 |
| Cherryville | 2000 |
| Cramerton | 1000 |
| Dallas | 1200 |
| Calvary | 500 |
| East Gastonia | 2000 |
| First Gastonia | 8000 |
| South Marietta | 500 |
| Hickory Grove | 400 |
| High Shoals | 200 |
| Hulls Grove | 100 |
| Long Creek Memorial | 600 |
| Loray | 4500 |
| Lowell | 700 |
| McAdenville | 1500 |
| Mt. Beulah | 300 |
| Mt. Holly | 1000 |
| Mt. Zion | 300 |
| Ranlo | 500 |
| Sandy Plains | 400 |
| Shady Grove | 200 |
| Spencer Mountain | 200 |
| Tuckaseege | 100 |
| West Mt. Holly | 100 |
| Flint Groves | 300 |
| Hardin | 100 |
| | $33,000 |

On motion the report is adopted.

The Association adjourns at 12:30 until 1:30 p. m. Benediction by G. T. Lumpkin, Superintendent Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

W. J. Francis calls the meeting to order at 1:30 according to adjournment. Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Special song by the young ladies from Boiling Springs.

Lee Wacaster conducts the devotional exercises and reads Matt. 18:1-6 and Prof. Wells of Boiling Springs leads the prayer.

Quartette by the Boiling Springs High School, "I Want My Life To Tell For Jesus."

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reports and recommends that the next Session of the Association be held with the Alexis Baptist Church on Tuesday and Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1925, and that W. T. Baucom preach the Annual Sermon, with M. L. Barnes alternate.

On motion the report is adopted.

C. J. Black makes report on:

CALLING OUT THE CALLED

The following have been reported to us as having surrendered during the year to do definite service for the Master. From Center View, Miss Ruth Abee who is now in school at Wingate Junior College. From First Belmont, Lambert Cato, Curtis Cato, Wyman Wood, Lillian Cato, Pauline Robinson and Thomas Crowell. From Long Creek Memorial, M. P. Rhyne, Misses Tressie Ellis and Myrtle Rhyne, Irene Hoffman and Harvey Flowers in Boiling Springs and John Cloninger from Spencer Mountain. From Ranlo, Lottie Mitchem who is now a student at Merideth College and the following: Miss Ina Dixon, Miss Lena Lawrence, Miss Ruth Withers, O. H. Bolch and Otis McGinnis members of Loray volunteered for the ministry during the year and is now in school at Mars Hill College. There may be others who volunteered but they have not been reported to us. Let us pray for them, encourage them and support them so that they may finish their education as early as possible because they are so much needed on the firing line.

Respectfully,
C. J. BLACK.

On motion it is adopted.

The following members of the Association are appointed to serve as chairmen and write reports for next year on the subjects named:

State Missions, S. R. Bass.

Home Missions, Hoyle Love.

Foreign Missions, C. J. Black.

Biblical Recorder, T. P. Stanfield.

Temperance, R. G. Mace.

Hospitals, J. J. Beach.

Orphanage, R. S. Lewis.

Woman's Work, President, W. M. U. Gaston County Baptist Association.

Education, M. L. Barnes.

Ministerial Relief, W. T. Baucom.

Sunday Schools, W. W. Williams.

Obituaries, W. N. Cook.

On report and recommendation of the committee the following are elected to serve as Executive Committee: W. J. Francis, W. C. Barrett, W. W. Williams, C. J. Black, J. J. Beach, E. C. Andrews, Labe Abernethy and A. E. Clemmer.

Joe S. Wray reads the report on:

## MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Relief and Annuity Board has 568 men, 342 widows and 100 orphans. It spent during the last Convention year $125,450. It now has $1,740,444, $434,153 for Relief and $1,206,209 for Annuity.

In 5 years the number of beneficiaries has increased 100 per cent; the amount to them, 200 pe rcent; the amount for Relief 600 per cent; the total assets 1000 per cent.

910 ministers and widows received the average of $140.00 each. Northern Baptists averaged to their Beneficiaries $500. Southern Presbyterians averaged to theirs $516.

Southern Methodists are increasing their endowments from 2 to 12 millions. Northern Presbyterians are increasing theirs from 11 to 26 millions. This comparison shows in a very forcible way how far we have to go.

To meet thiis great task our Board is asking means to build a fund that will yield for Relief alone an income of $100,000 annually apart from what it gets from the regular budget.

The committee on this report said: "The Convention should in every way deal with this Board in the most liberal and generous manner possible."

The Committee urges that this subject have a place in every department, especially in the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. This program challenges our best efforts. This is one phase of the work in which the laymen should take the lead. I recommend that

all of us make a study of this subject in the Reports to both the State and Southern Baptist Convention.

JOE S. WRAY, For Committee.

On motion to adopt the report is discussed by Joe S. Wray and it is adopted.

W. T. Baucom reads the report of the committee to nominate Trustees of Boiling Springs High School and recommends the election of W. J. Francis and R. F. Craig to succeed themselves, and J. J. Beach to succeed D. F. Putnam and W. W. Williams to succeed W. F. Riddle who have moved out of the Association. On motion the report is adopted and they are declared elected.

Dr. G. T. Lumpkin is recognized and makes a fine appeal in behalf of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C. Upon request W. C. Barrett offers an earnest prayer for the success of the Hospital.

S. R. Bass makes the

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

After a canvass of the letters from our churches of this past year our hearts are saddened as we contemplate the large number of deaths occurring during the last associational year. Very few churches have been spared by the angel of death. With much earnestness and care your committee has endeavored to write the names of all our dead, but many of the churches only reported the number and we have been at a great disadvantage in making this partial report.

Since so large a number have fallen on sleep, and to honor the memory of our departed, who have gone to their eternal reward, your committee would recommend that this body receed from its regular business for a devotion of ten minutes and that the Moderator request some one to lead in prayer for all sorrowing ones in the bounds of this association.

Following are the names:

East Belmont—Miss Mattie Stewart, Mrs. Mary Robinson.

Mt. Holly—Mrs. Kate Skidmore.

Dallas—Bro. W. B. Hooper, Bro. J. M. Costner.

Bessemer City—Mrs. Florence Hudson, Mrs. J. T. Teague.

Sandy Plains—Bro. J. H. Hoffman, Bro. P. H. McCalister, Bro. Pink Moss, Bro. Z. A. Pryor, and Sister T. C. Parker.

Lowell—Sister Sarah Jones, Bro. W. M. Flowers.

Long Creek Memorial—Bro. John Camps, Bro. Earl Jarrett, Bro. C. D. Byers, Bro. W. P. Branch.

Cherryville—Mrs. John Vandyke, Mrs. C. C. Dellinger, and Mrs. Martha Stroup Gattis. The last named had been a member of the church for 70 years and she willed all her earthly possessions to her church.

Mt. Zion—Bro. Willie Randle, Bro. L. S. Stroup, Bro. Floyd Litten, Amanda Jane Stroup, Mary Beamguard, Louise Beam.

Spencer Mountain—Bro. W. W. Costner, Sister Matt. McGee.

Belmont First—Bro. W. M. Stanford, Bro. G. F. Gullick.

Loray—Bro. J. B. Fite, Mrs. P. E. Campbell, Bro. D. W. Blanton, Bro. E. W. Hicks, Mrs. W. L. Kester, Mrs. W. A. Williams, Mrs. J. A. Wells, Mrs. M. E. Stacey.

Hardin—Mrs. C. W. Huggins, Mrs. Wesley Hester.

McAdenville—Bro. W. L. Farrington.

Mt. Beulah—Mrs. Noah Marlow, Mrs. C. S. Splann.

Center View—Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Charlie Rhyne.

Bruington—Two.

Calvary—One.

East Gastonia—Mr. W. O. Carter, Mr. J. V. Fisher, Mr. R. A. Spargo, Mr. O. E. Carothers, Mrs. J. P. Sanders, Mrs. J. H. Marley, Mrs. A. M. Kluttz.

First Gastonia—Five.

South Marietta—One.

High Shoals—One.

Shady Grove—Three

Spencer Mountain—Two.

Thus we see that there have been 65 in all to bid us a last farewell. We bring to the vacancy sustained in our churches, where the sweet fellowship has been so painfully broken the flowers of love and tenderly lay them on their memory and bid them a last farewell till me meet again on yonders shore.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BASS.

On motion the report is adopted and is followed by a very tender prayer lead by Hoyle Love.

R. S. Lewis offers the following:

## RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the thanks of the delegates and visitors attending this association are due and hereby tendered to the members of Mt. Zion Church and the people of this communiity for their splendid hospitality during this meeting.

R. S. LEWIS

On motion it is unanimously adopted.

Song, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

W. W. Williams reads the report on Order of Business which is adopted, as follows:

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### TUESDAY MORNING

10:00—Devotional.
10:15—Enrollment of Delegates.
10:30—Organization and Recognition of Visitors.
10:40—Report on Sunday Schools.
11:30—Biblical Recorder.
12:00—Dinner.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Report on Woman's Work.
1:45—Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions.
3:00—Report on B. Y. P. U. Work.
3:45—Report of Executive Committee.
Miscellaneous.

### TUESDAY NIGHT

7:00—Report on Temperance.
8:15—Sermon.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30—Devotional.
9:45—Report on Orphanage.
10:15—Report on Education—Boiling Springs High School.
11:15—School of Applied Stewardship.
12:00—Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Ministerial Relief.
1:30—Obituaries.
1:40—Report of Committee on Calling Out The Called.
1:50—Hospitals.
Miscellaneous.

On motion of R. G. Mace the Moderator is authorized to appoint a Board of Directors for the Gaston County Baptist Messenger.

Song, "Blest Be The Tie."

On motion the Association adjourns at 3:30 p. m. to meet at Alexis on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Third Sunday in October, 1925, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Benediction by J. W. Suttle.

W. J. FRANCIS, *Moderator.*
DAVID P. DELLINGER, *Clerk.*

# Constitution

NAME

ARTICLE 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association."

OBJECT

ARTICLE 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

OFFICERS

ARTICLE 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions, and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other

Boards or Committees from time to time as circumstances may quire.

TIME OF MEETING

ARTICLE 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tues after the Third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at request of the Executive Committee change the time or the pl of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

VACANCIES

ARTICLE 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Execu Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings the Association.

AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regu session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number rolled on the first day of the Association.

## ADDENDA

MAILING CHURCH LETTERS

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churc prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to Association at least ten (10) days before the meeting of the As ciation.

Further that the Associational Year close on the 30th day September each year.

Therefore, no collections made, members received or busin done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previ year's report. It is most important that this rule be observed uniformity of the facts and statistics.

MINUTE FUND

The Fund for Minutes and Printing should be sent to the A sociation and paid over to the Treasurer to avoid delay in gett the Minutes printed.

## HISTORICAL

| | Year | Where Held | Moderator | Clerk |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1919 | Gastonia First | H. B. Moore | David P. Dellinger |
| 2 | 1920 | Long Creek Memorial | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 3 | 1921 | Cherryville | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 4 | 1922 | Cramerton | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 5 | 1923 | Loray | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 6 | 1924 | Mount Zion | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |

## TRUSTEES BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Term expires 1925

J. J. Beach, Cherryville, N. C.
A. U. Stroup, Mount Holly, N.C.

Term expires 1926

C. J. Black, Gastonia, N. C.
R. S. Lewis, Dallas, N. C.

Term expires 1927

W. C. Barrett, Gastonia, N. C.
W. L. Walters, Gastonia, N. C.

Term expires 1928

W. W. Williams, Gastonia, N. C.
N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville, N.C.

Term expires 1929

R. F. Craig, Stanley, N. C.
W. J. Francis, Belmont, N. C.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCH | Pastor and Postoffice | Clerk and Postoffice | Treasurer and Postoffice | Time of Preaching | Value of Church Property | Value of Pastor's Home | GAINS | | | LOSSES | | | Total Membership |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | By Baptism | By Letter | By Statement | By Restoration | By Letter | By Exclusion | By Death | |
| Alexis | Hoyle Love, Stanley | C. L. Abernethy, Alexis | F. B. Morris, Alexis | 2-4 | 2,000 | | 27 | 7 | 1 | | 5 | 3 | | 173 |
| Belmont, East | R. G. Mace, Belmont | K. E. Simmons, Belmont | C. G. Rumfeldt, Belmont | " | 10,000 | 3,000 | 30 | 15 | 1 | | 36 | 5 | 2 | 340 |
| Belmont First | S. R. Hass, Belmont | W. H. Stowe, Belmont | R. B. Suggs, Belmont | " | 16,000 | 12,000 | 26 | 26 | | | 11 | | 1 | 253 |
| Bessemer City | W. W. Williams, Bessemer City | J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City | J. R. Lutz, Bessemer City | " | 30,000 | 250 | 11 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 409 |
| Brungton | Hoyle Love, Stanley | Mrs. H. M. Craig, Stanley | Eugene Craig, Stanley | 1-3 | 21,000 | 3,000 | 37 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 16 | | 2 | 255 |
| Center View | A R Holland, Belmont | J. J. Duncan, Belmont | H. E. Conrad, Belmont | " | 2,500 | 2,000 | 14 | 62 | 6 | 1 | 22 | 4 | 2 | 262 |
| Cherryville | J. J. Beach, Cherryville | David P. Dellinger, Cherryville | J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville | " | 80 000 | 5,000 | 33 | 25 | | | 22 | | 4 | 467 |
| Cramerton | J M Trogdon, Cramerton | D M Ballard, Cramerton | W. L. Heatty, Cramerton | " | 50 000 | 2,700 | 11 | 60 | | 2 | 48 | | | 360 |
| Dallas | W. T. Baucom, Dallas | J R Lewis, Dallas | J R. Durham, Dallas | " | 20,000 | 10,000 | 5 | 17 | | | 13 | | 2 | 142 |
| Flint Groves | M. L. Barnes, Gastonia | A L. Cline, East Gastonia | P. A Cline, East Gastonia | | 6,000 | | 39 | 72 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 190 |
| Calvary, Gastonia | T. P. Stanfield, Gastonia | W A Marley, S Gastonia | D. E. Elmore, Gastonia | " | 20,000 | | 64 | 47 | 5 | | 19 | | 1 | 248 |
| East Gastonia | J. O. Fulbright, Gastonia | M. T Sanders, Jr., East Gastonia | H. G. Harris, Gastonia | " | 70,000 | 5,000 | 28 | 42 | | | 42 | 25 | 7 | 485 |
| First Gastonia | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia | Emery B. Denny, Gastonia | A Froneberger, Gastonia | " | 250,000 | 30,000 | 25 | 69 | 2 | | 57 | 5 | 5 | 815 |
| Lorny, Gastonia | C. J. Black, Gastonia | E. J. Waldrop, Gastonia | D. A Grigg, Gastonia | " | 70,000 | 20,000 | 110 | 149 | 22 | | 95 | 5 | 9 | 1210 |
| So. Marietta, Gastonia | W. P. McCarter, Gastonia | J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia | John W. Canipe, Gastonia | " | 30,000 | | 12 | 10 | 2 | | 38 | 17 | 1 | 303 |
| Hardin | E. N. Teague, Ranlo | Justus J Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas | Justus J. Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas | 1-3 | | | 29 | 2 | 4 | | 6 | | | 80 |
| Hickory Grove | W. B. McClure, Alexis | Hester W. Abernethy, Lowell | | 2-4 | 4,000 | | 9 | 1 | | | 4 | | | 175 |
| High Shoals | Hoyle Love, Stanley | R L. Huggins, High Shoals | Hubert Huggins, High Shoals | " | 4,000 | | 10 | 11 | | | 11 | 1 | | 93 |
| Hull's Grove | L. C. Dauthit, Cherryville | John Miller, Rt. S, Vale | J. H Brendle, Rt. 3, Vale | 3 | 1,600 | | 22 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | | 138 |
| Long Creek Memorial | W. M Howell, Dallas | A R. Holland, Dallas | T. S. Summey, Dallas | " | 55,000 | 2,100 | 33 | 10 | 1 | | 10 | 5 | | 281 |
| Lowell | W. N. Cook, Lowell | R E. Wyatt, Lowell | R L. Helderman, Lowell | " | 3,000 | 8,000 | 6 | 10 | | | 8 | 2 | | 205 |
| Lucia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 41 |
| McAdenville | C. A Caldwell, McAdenville | Chas. L. Adcock, McAdenville | Chas Austin, McAdenville | " | 5,000 | 2,000 | 9 | | 1 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 344 |
| Mount Heulah | J O. Fulbright, Gastonia | M. L Black, Bessemer City | W B Elam, Lincolnton | 1-3 | 4,000 | | 13 | 9 | | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 144 |
| Mount Holly | E C Andrews, Mt. Holly | B. F. Usher, Mt. Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly | " | 22,000 | 6,000 | 5 | 54 | 5 | | 34 | | | 400 |
| West Mount Holly | M T Cloer, Mt. Holly | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 |
| Mount Zion | W. T. Brown, Cherryville | A. L Putnam, Cherryville | G. L. Dellinger, Cherryville | 2 | 3,500 | | 15 | 3 | | | 5 | | 3 | 166 |
| Ranlo | M. L. Barnes, Gastonia | Ruth Emery, Gastonia | A. C. Warlick, Gastonia | " | 15,000 | 4,000 | 18 | 46 | 2 | | 16 | | | 244 |
| Sandy Plains | | W. E. Bafnes, Rt. 1, Lowell | N. A Jenkins, Rt 3, Gastonia | 2-4 | 2,000 | | 20 | 3 | 1 | | 7 | | 5 | 212 |
| Shady Grove | W. T. Brown, Cherryville | D. R. Stroup, Cherryville | D. M Witherspoon, Cherryville | 1-3 | 1,000 | | 9 | 5 | | | 4 | | 3 | 125 |
| Spencer Mountain | E. N Teague, Gastonia | Carl Sherrill, Lowell | Willie Paysour, Lowell | 2-4 | | | 14 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 100 |
| Tuckaseege | I C. Miller, Patterson | J. D. Smith, Mt. Holly | N. H. Huffstetler, Mt. Holly | 4 | 3 000 | 2,000 | 7 | 5 | | | 4 | | | 99 |
| | | | TOTALS | | 3800,600 | $117,050 | 691 | 822 | 63 | 13 | 582 | 83 | 60 | 8571 |

# STATISTISCAL SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, WOMAN'S WORK AND B. Y. P. U.

| SUNDAY SCHOOL | Superintendent and Postoffice | Secretary and Postoffice | ENROLLMENT MAIN SCHOOL: Officers and Teachers | Beginners 3 to 5 | Primary 6 to 8 | Junior 9 to 12 | Intermediate 13 to 16 | Senior and Adult 17 and up | Home Department | TOTAL | MISCELLANEOUS: Cradle Roll | Is School Graded? | Is School Standard? | How Many Normal Diplomas? | Baptisms from School | Contributions for Home Expenses | Contributions for Orphanage, Missions, etc | TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexis | T. W. Garrison, Alexis | A. L. McAlister, Alexis | 10 | | | | | | | 201 | | | | 4 | 26 | 96.13 | 74.76 | 170.89 |
| Belmont, East | H. M. Painter, Belmont | Ernest Bumgardner, Belmont | 25 | 85 | 24 | 59 | 56 | 256 | | 505 | | | | 35 | 20 | 138.95 | 237.13 | 376.08 |
| Belmont First | D. P. Stowe, Belmont | T. O. Crowell, Belmont | 15 | 15 | 20 | 22 | 30 | 91 | | 193 | | | | 7 | 26 | 365.00 | 241.42 | 606.42 |
| Bessemer City | J. H. Keeter, Bessemer City | D. J. Wolfe, Bessemer City | 24 | 85 | 37 | 63 | 253 | | | 412 | 24 | | | 5 | 8 | 1,200.00 | 30.74 | 1,230.74 |
| Brumgton | D. F. Hovis, Stanley | H. M. Craig, Stanley | 14 | 27 | 25 | 47 | 137 | 111 | | 261 | | | | 2 | 25 | 60.82 | 68.79 | 129.41 |
| Center View | E. S. Auten, Belmont | Miss Viola Duncan, Belmont | 10 | | | | | | | 150 | | | | | | 11.35 | | 11.35 |
| Cherryville | J. T. Allen, Cherryville | Dr. J. E. Holt, Cherryville | 13 | 37 | 59 | 75 | 69 | 124 | | 377 | | | | 12 | 28 | 528.28 | 250.96 | 779.24 |
| Cramerton | W. R. Bush, Cramerton | George Baker, Cramerton | 26 | 73 | 66 | 86 | 59 | 157 | | 467 | | | | 10 | 10 | 379.61 | | 379.61 |
| Dallas | P. D. Summey, Dallas | Miss May Durham, Dallas | 14 | 10 | 31 | 47 | 36 | 40 | | 178 | | | | | 5 | 196.90 | 407.91 | 604.81 |
| Flint-Groves | J. L. Price, East Gastonia | V. W. Angley, East Gastonia | 10 | 40 | 44 | 30 | 58 | 252 | | 434 | | | | 12 | 30 | 388.58 | 58.73 | 447.29 |
| Calvary, Gastonia | W. A. Hoffman, Rt. 3, Gastonia | Hazel Smith, Rt. 3, Gastonia | 11 | 20 | 30 | 53 | 53 | 183 | | 350 | | | | 15 | 50 | 451.62 | 14.00 | 165.62 |
| East Gastonia | J. S. Lazenby, Gastonia | D. M. Robinson, Gastonia | 32 | 38 | 56 | 64 | 28 | 176 | 42 | 436 | 12 | | | | 17 | 628.32 | 641.31 | 1,169.63 |
| First Gastonia | W. H. Wray Gastonia | A. M. McLean, Gastonia | 53 | 80 | 74 | 88 | 61 | 517 | 23 | 896 | 36 | | | 35 | 24 | 1,604.78 | 739.06 | 2,343.41 |
| Loray, Gastonia | W. Lee Smith, Gastonia | Harry Capps, Gastonia | 50 | 50 | 367 | 500 | 262 | 1708 | 75 | 3,012 | 140 | | | 40 | 75 | 625.00 | 380.34 | 1,005.34 |
| So. Marietta, Gastonia | J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia | Geo. A. Howell, Gastonia | 12 | 30 | 25 | 55 | 45 | 80 | 29 | 276 | 36 | | | 3 | 10 | | 135.85 | 135.85 |
| Hardin | Justus J. Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas | Ernest Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas | 7 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 16 | 42 | | 119 | | | | | 26 | 42.25 | | 42.25 |
| Hickory Grove | L. M. Flowers, Rt. 2, Mt. Holly | Edward Abernethy, Rt. 2, Mt. Holly | 13 | | | | | | | 143 | | | | | 6 | 83.75 | 201.04 | 284.79 |
| High Shoals | I. F. Cook, High Shoals | H. T. Huggins, High Shoals | 11 | 25 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 46 | | 118 | | | | | 10 | | 209.68 | 209.68 |
| Hull's Grove | Burgin Hull, Rt. 3, Vale | Annie Hun, Rt. 3, Cherryville | 7 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 30 | | 112 | 10 | | | | 20 | | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Long Creek Memorial | T. S. Summey, Dallas | Herman Rhyne, Dallas | 15 | | | | | | | 215 | | | | 2 | 33 | 1,015.84 | 74.90 | 1,090.74 |
| Lowell | H. H. Roberts, Lowell | T. L. Teague, Lowell | 12 | | | | | | | 254 | | | | | 5 | 54.56 | 611.32 | 665.88 |
| Lucia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McAdenville | W. A. Bentley, McAdenville | H. F. Galyan, McAdenville | 22 | 26 | 35 | 45 | 51 | 145 | 75 | 399 | 94 | | | 12 | | | 42.00 | 42.00 |
| Mount Beulah | E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City | B. H. Carpenter, Bessemer City | 10 | 22 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 59 | | 129 | | | | | 8 | | | |
| Mount Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly | C. H. Hoover, Mt. Holly | 14 | | 50 | 50 | 75 | 75 | | 264 | | | | | 10 | 553.51 | 178.54 | 732.05 |
| West Mount Holly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Zion | G. L. Dellinger, Cherryville | Una Henry, Cherryville | 8 | | | | | | | 88 | | | | | | 82.10 | 29.00 | 111.10 |
| Ranlo | J. W. Mitchem, Lowell | Robt. Lanier, Gastonia | 13 | 78 | 89 | 58 | 52 | 143 | | 433 | | | | 15 | 15 | 559.16 | 50.00 | 609.16 |
| Sandy Plains | J. C. Millen, Rt. 2, Gastonia | J. P. Ham, Rt. 1, Lowell | 10 | 28 | 13 | 18 | 35 | 60 | 14 | 178 | 23 | | | | 15 | | | |
| Shady Grove | Floyd Mauney, Cherryville | Iva Mae Mauney, Cherryville | 6 | | 11 | 8 | 21 | 29 | | 75 | | | | | 4 | 17.43 | 6.00 | 23.43 |
| Spencer Mountain | J. L. Cloninger, Lowell | Miss Ruth Sills, Lowell | 10 | 52 | | 26 | 36 | 84 | 30 | 241 | 41 | | | | 14 | 188.25 | 23.08 | 211.33 |
| Tuckaseege | Ralph Thomas, Mt. Holly | Lester Thomas, Mt. Holly | 10 | 15 | 20 | 24 | 35 | 36 | | 140 | | | | | 1 | | | |
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| W. M. S., S. B. | Mrs. W. L. Chapman, Belmont | 43 | 588.00 | 39.87 | 627.86 | 18 |
| W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A., S. B. | Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, Belmont | 166 | 846.29 | | 846.29 | |
| W. M. S., Y. W. A., R. A., S. B. | Mrs. W. W. Williams, Bessemer City | 78 | 250.81 | 1.00 | 251.81 | 32 |
| W. M. S., S. B. | Mrs. C. H. Verner, Stanley | 45 | 409.25 | 7.00 | 416.25 | 12 |
| W. M. S., Y. W. A., S. B. | Miss Flossie Hope, Belmont | 60 | | | 99.67 | 7 |
| W. M. S., S. B. | Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville | 27 | 320.20 | 985.32 | 1,305.52 | |
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| W. M. S., S. B. | Mrs. J. W. Summey, Dallas | 18 | 400.10 | 1.00 | 401.10 | |
| W. M. S., S. B. | Mrs. S. A. Fort, East Gastonia | 30 | 51.10 | | 51.10 | |
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| | Mrs. J. O. Fulbright, Gastonia | 28 | 87.19 | 57.11 | 144.30 | 12 |
| | Mrs. W. C. Barrett Gastonia | 204 | 1,434.54 | 627.72 | 5,062.26 | 39 |
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| | Jessie Sherrill, High Shoals | 6 | | 46.50 | 46.50 | |
| Y. W. A. | Mrs. J. J. Waldrop Rt. 5, Vale | 25 | | | | |
| S. B. | Mrs. Joe Holland, Rt. 1, Dallas | 15 | 94.48 | | 94.48 | |
| W. M. S., S. B. | Mrs. W. N. Cook, Lowell | 60 | 245.65 | 38.25 | 283.90 | |
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| W. M. S. | Mrs. W. D. Nichols, McAdenville | 30 | | 457.25 | 457.25 | |
| | Mrs. Walter H. Dunn, Mt. Holly | 25 | 196.10 | 14.00 | 211.40 | |
| | Ethel Henry, Cherryville | 25 | | 4.35 | 4.35 | |
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| B. Y. P. U. Presidents and Postoffices | No. Unions | No. Members | No. in Study Courses | No. of Bible Readers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miss Beulah Morris, Alexis | 1 | 20 | | |
| Ernest Bumgardner, Belmont | 3 | 55 | 21 | 1 |
| Miss Addie Leeper, Belmont | 2 | 67 | 30 | 32 |
| Fred Sherrill, Bessemer City | 1 | 35 | 11 | 10 |
| Miss Lottie Stroup, Stanley | 2 | 45 | | 19 |
| Miss Madge Thomas, Rt. 2, Mt. Holly | 1 | 31 | 11 | 5 |
| Miss Lona Mauney, Cherryville | 1 | 30 | | 8 |
| Ruby Green, Cramerton | 2 | 54 | 7 | 15 |
| Miss Mary White, Dallas | 1 | 55 | | |
| Miss Jennie Whisnant, East Gastonia | 1 | 30 | | |
| J. H. Fagan, Rt. 3, Gastonia | 2 | 79 | 8 | 18 |
| Lester Thornburg, East Gastonia | 3 | 77 | 15 | 20 |
| C. E. Sanders, Gastonia | 4 | 129 | 10 | 42 |
| W. Gray McArver, Gastonia | 7 | 205 | 56 | 137 |
| Paul McArver, Gastonia | 2 | 45 | 7 | 12 |
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| Robt. Keener, High Shoals | 1 | 36 | | |
| Laura M. Willis, Vale | 1 | 21 | 21 | |
| Herman Rhyne, Dallas | 2 | 53 | 13 | 7 |
| W. A. Lazenby, Lowell | 2 | 49 | 20 | 19 |
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| Miss Muriel Wright, McAdenville | 2 | 58 | | |
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| Naomi Andrews, Mt. Holly | 3 | 13 | | |
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| Miss Virginia Withers, Gastonia | 3 | 89 | 12 | 12 |
| Mrs. Jannie Beatty, Rt. 3, Gastonia | 1 | 31 | | 6 |
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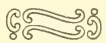

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## MOTTO

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Col. 4:12.

# Proceedings

The Seventh Annual Session of the Gaston County Baptist Association meets and is held with the Alexis Baptist Church, Alexis, North Carolina, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20th, and 21st, 1925, and is called to order by W. J. Francis.

Songs: "Wonderful Savior Is He," "Love Lifted Me," and "Loyalty to Christ."

W. J. Francis conducts the Devotional Services using as a lesson I Cor. 13.

The Moderator appoints as enrollment committee the following: R. S. Lewis, J. O. Fulbright, J. W. Whitley and M. L. Barnes, and on the report 110 delegates enrolled for the initial meeting.

Song: "Standing on the Promises."

The churches were represented by delegates enrolling during the session as follows:

ALEXIS—J. M. Ballard, E. V. Center, S. A. Stroup, Connie Hovis, Viola Abernathy, Mrs. N. F. Hovis.

BELMONT, EAST—R. G. Mace, C. E. Lee, J. E. Brown, Margaret Fite, Cora Yount, W. L. Chapman.

BELMONT, FIRST—Geo. Leeper, Mrs. J. L. West, S. R. Bass, Mrs. R. B. Suggs, R. B. Suggs, R. E. Cato.

BESSEMER CITY—W. C. Morris.

BRUINGTON—C. T. Thomas, B. W. Triplett, A. W. Robinson, Mrs. V. Q. Morris.

CENTER VIEW—E. S. Auten, A. R. Holland, Will Daye, L. T. Lowery, A. W. Paysour, L. W. O'Daniel.

CHERRYVILLE—David P. Dellinger, W. J. T. Styers, H. Lee Dellinger, B. H. Roberts, J. J. Beach, N. B. Kendrick, R. G. Short, A. L. Houser, J. T. Allen.

CRAMERTON—W. P. Carpenter, R. L. Leeper, J. M. Trogdon, C. T. Freeman, I. F. Cook.

DALLAS—Anna Lineberger, R. S. Lewis, W. E. Rhyne, Mrs. F. H. Robinson, R. B. Lineberger, Mrs. E. R. Rhyne, Wm. T. Baucom.

FLINT-GROVES—Mrs. Dan Keener, Mrs. J. L. Brackett, L. S. Clarke, F. M. Paysour, A. L. Cline.

CALVARY, GASTONIA—T. P. Stanfield, D. E. Elmore, J. S. Hawkins, V. M. Shepherd, E. A. Hurley, Mrs. V. M. Shepherd, W. A. Marley.

EAST GASTONIA—A. F. Watts, J. L. Brackett, G. C. Moss, J. W. Stewart, J. O. Fulbright, Mrs. G. R. Dixon, A. McCoy.

FIRST, GASTONIA—W. C. Barrett, H. O. Eisenhower.

LORAY, GASTONIA—J. W. Whitley, W. Lee Smith, J. Will Long, J. C. Smith, W. Arthur Hoffman.

SOUTH MARIETTA STREET, GASTONIA—J. C. Bouldin, J. A. Parker, Mrs. L. A. Bunton, J. M. Kincaid, Mrs. P. A. Underwood.

HARDIN—C. A. Abernethy, Cecil Hooks, J. M. Huggins.

HICKORY GROVE—Mrs. T. A. Lineberger, James Lineberger, Mrs. F. H. Abernethy, W. T. Rankin.

HIGH SHOALS—H. B. Shelton, Perry Murray, J. F. Hawkins.

HULL'S GROVE—E. W. Miller, J. H. Brendel.

LONG CREEK MEMORIAL—T. S. Summey, H. W. Jenkins, T. C. Smith, Herman Rhyne, W. W. Rimmer, Maude Rimmer.

LOWELL—W. N. Cook, J. P. Kimbro, H. H. Roberts, R. E. Wyatt, A. E. Clemmer, Mrs. M. E. Lay, Mrs. A. E. Clemmer.

LUCIA—

McADENVILLE—Labe Abernethy, Mrs. J. C. Pence, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, M. A. Harwell, C. A. Caldwell, Mrs. J. Will Rankin, Mrs. Lee Deaton, Ruth Clarton, J. Will Rankin, T. L. Austin, Miss Jessie Rankin.

MOUNT BEULAH—L. A. Barbee, W. L. Hasting.

MOUNT HOLLY—E. C. Andrews, W. C. Andrews, Mrs. E. C. Andrews, M. L. Fisher.

WEST MOUNT HOLLY—

MOUNT ZION—W. L. Walters, Mrs. Claude Abernethy, C. L. Crowder, R. C. Hardin, G. L. Dellinger, C. J. Dellinger.

RANLO—M. L. Barnes, J. W. Rhodes, A. G. Webb.

SANDY PLAINS—Mrs. W. E. Beatty, W. E. Beatty.

SHADY GROVE—D. M. Witherspoon, Bert Stroup, Novela Randall, W. G. Camp, Noah Mauney.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—Mrs. H. H. Flowers, Mrs. W. L. Abernethy.

TUCKASEEGE—Ralph Thomas, J. D. Smith.

EAGLE GROVE—J. F. Lawing, B. T. Gladden, D. P. Granger.

A male quartet is rendered in splendid manner by young men from Center View and East Belmont, "Stand By the King."

On motion of W. C. Barrett the Clerk is directed to enroll all delegates who come in after the organization.

Without opposition the following are elected as officers to serve the ensuing year: W. J. Francis, Moderator; R. S. Lewis, Vice-

Moderator; David P. Dellinger, Clerk; and W. L. Walters, Treasurer.

The following visitors are recognized: J. D. Moose, Charlotte; J. W. Suttle, moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association; Miss Reggett, president of the B. Y. P. U. Association of the State; Mrs. J. L. Gribble, special correspondent of the Gastonia Daily Gazette; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Washburn, of Double Springs, Special Sunday School worker of the Kings Mountain Association, Perry Morgan, J. T. Langdon of Nashville, Tenn., Clay I. Hudson of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., C. S. Cashwell of Charlotte, N. C.

New pastors are recognized: O. W. Triplett, Stanley; R. G. Short, Cherryville; W. B. Camp, Cherryville; W. L. Walters, J. W. Whitley and T. A. Underwood, Gastonia; W. W. Rimmer, Dallas, and B. T. Gladden, Belmont.

The Moderator appoints the following committee to report on Church Covenant and Articles of Faith of the Eagle Grove Baptist Church, South Belmont: J. W. Whitley, R. G. Mace and J. O. Fulbright.

J. M. Trogdon reads the following report on:

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School Board's report to the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention gives our state 2,181 Sunday Schools with a membership of 287,466. Texas leads in schools and membership. Georgia reports eleven more schools but 30,839 less in membership than North Carolina. She has 300 more churches than we have. In churches and Sunday School membership we are ahead of all the other states.

It is distressing that American Sunday schools had a loss in 1924, but Southern Baptists had one of their best gains by adding 155,000 to their former membership. Our North Carolina gain for 1924 was 12,269. In five years we have gained 73,048.

The work is going well along all lines. Besides membership gains there are marked improvements in organization, buildings and equipment, teacher training, and working for the Standard of Excellence. This Standard is being recognized as a program of work and not something technical.

In spite of all hopeful signs we need to keep before us big things to do. For our great state we want to join the other sixty-three associations in doing the following things:

1. Put a Sunday School in every church and run it twelve months in the year.

2. Add 25,000 people to our Sunday School rolls in 1926 and press on until there are as many in our Sunday Schools as in our churches.

3. Earn 3,000 Normal Diplomas and 7,000 Seals for other books studied in our Normal Course.

4. Reach 100 Standard Schools thus having a well balanced program of work in these schools.

5. Start the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School in our midst. This new movement is worthy of our best efforts.

6. Never forget our greatest and holiest task of trying to win the lost to Christ. Thousands of unsaved are in our midst.

We urge all pastors, superintendents, teachers and other workers to secure full and free information from our State Sunday School Secretary, E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, North Carolina.

J. M. TROGDON, Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by J. M. Barnett, and it is adopted.

T. P. Stanfield reads the report on:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, submit the following:

Religious Literature is an inexpressible blessing to the world, and is one of the greatest agencies that may be used to better fit and prepare the Christian for a more efficient service in the cause of the Master.

Words fail to express the value of good Religious books or periodicals that are of that nature that informs, and inspires, the human mind and heart, and leads to the building of a greater Christian character.

Some recommendations:

We would recommend that all our people, young and old as well, read more Religious Literature, and especially that kind of matter that will be helpful to them in rendering Christian service.

We would recommend that first of all we read the Bible. That we read it more regular, more carefully and more prayerfully.

We would further recommend that we read good books, many of which can be had for small sums from our Baptist Book Shop at Raleigh.

We would also recommend that we subscribe for and read the Biblical Recorder, which is our only State organ that gives us the needed information that every Church member needs. It is lamentable that so few of our Church people read the State paper of the Denomination. We would urge that every Church make a strong effort to put the Biblical Recorder into every home of the membership of the Church.

We desire to further recommend that we read Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service, and any other paper or printed page that will help us in the undertaking of the extending of the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ in the world, and help those about us.

T. P. STANFIELD.
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by T. P. Stanfield, E. C. Andrews and W. C. Barrett, and is adopted.

On motion of E. C. Andrews the title of this report shall hereafter be, Report on Religious Literature.

The Moderator appoints the following committees on Time, Place and Preacher: Ed Lee, R. L. Leeper and W. A. Hoffman.

As a committee to solicit subscriptions to the Biblical Recorder, Home and Foreign Field, Royal Service, and World Comrads, the Moderator appoints: Mrs. R. G. Mace, Mrs. E. C. Andrews and W. Lee Smith.

Song: "We Are Marching to Zion."

J. W. Whitley reads the following:

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the towns and cities of our Association are growing by leaps and bounds thus necessitating the enlarging of our church work in these centers of population, and

Whereas, in many instances, the local church is not able to meet the situation by itself, and

Whereas our State Mission Board through its wide awake Secretary has seen our wonderful opportunity and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has likewise become interested in our situation which is a peculiar one,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That our local churches be asked to raise twelve ($1,200) hundred dollars during this associational year in order to secure a similar amount from the Sunday School Board thus providing for a full time Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and W. M. U. worker for our Association. We recomment this in view of the fact that our State Mission Board is proposing to place two additional workers in our Association.

2. That the raising of this amount be referred to the Pastors' Conference of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WHITLEY,
W. W. WILLIAMS,
R. G. MACE.

On motion to adopt, the matter is discussed by J. W. Whitley, and W. C. Barrett.

S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, is recognized and announces the offering of certain books and literature and free tracts.

The Association adjourns at 12:00 o'clock to meet at 1:00 p. m.

Benediction by W. N. Cook.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. Song: "Standing on the Promises." Prayer by W. N. Cook.

Devotional exercises by W. B. Camp, who reads for the Lesson a part of Matt. 25. Song: "My Hope is Built."

J. J. Beach reads the following:

### RESOLUTIONS ON EVOLUTION

Whereas: The theory of evolution has been so widely discussed recently and has absorbed the mind of our Baptist people to such an extent, that great confusion prevails, and we believe confidence in our Baptist program has been strained to a dangerous degree, and

Whereas: The time has come for us to make a clear statement of our belief in this matter and voice a protest against the desecration of the "Faith which was once delivered to the saints" which has been received by us and is still "Most surely believed among us," therefore be it resolved by the Gaston County Association:

1. That we reaffirm our belief in the creation of man by a direct act of God as taught in Genesis and elsewhere in the Bible. That it is our belief that the teaching of evolution in any way that makes apply to the creation of man, is plainly contradictory to any sane interpretation of Bible teaching. That we believe, the Bible teaches that God made man by a special act of creation and that he (man) was in the "Image of God" in the beginning of his existence, and was not brought through ages of evolutionary processes to his present state. That he was made upright and fell, instead of gradually evoluting upward.

2. That the use of text-books teaching the theory of evolution concerning the creation of man is working great harm to our cause and is hurtful to our schools and is misleading to our students in these schools, and that all such books should be eliminated from Baptist schools.

3. That all officers and teachers who believe and teach the theory of evolution in reference to the creation of man, or who give lectures or write books endorsing this theory, are causing great injury to the progress of our Baptist work, and that such teachers and officers should not be allowed to hold positions in our Baptist schools.

4. That, since a number of our churches are already seriously considering designating their funds because of this teaching contrary to their belief, we claim the right to recommend to them that they designate their funds as they see fit, unless our wishes in this matter are heeded.

5. That we affirm our belief in the proposition that the trustees of all schools fostered by our Baptist State Convention should be elected by the Convention and thus be amenable to the Convention and through it to the Baptist people of our State.

Offered by J. J. BEACH.

On motion, it is unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

W. C. Barrett presents the matter of reviving old Hebron

Church at Mount Island and makes motion for the appointment of a committee to investigate and take care of the property and records and report their recommendations thereon to the next session of the Association. The committee is as follows: W. J. Francis, Chairman; W. C. Barrett, R. G. Mace, W. T. Baucom, C. T. Thomas, and J. M. Ballard.

J. W. Whitley, from the Committee, reports and recommends accepting Eagle Grove Church a member of this body. On motion, the Church is received as a member of the Association, and the delegates are seated as members of the body.

Mrs. L. O. Bunton, President, Woman's Missionary Union of Gaston County, reads the report on:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

In the 32 churches in the Gaston County Baptist W. M. U. there are 59 organizations—34 W. M. S.'s; 5 G. A.'s; 2 Jr. G. A.'s; 3 R. A.'s; and 18 Sunbeam Bands. We have had an increase of 12 new societies. We are glad to say that our societies have done better work this year, reporting 7 A1, 5 in class C, and 9 in Class D.

We reported to our annual meeting $9,200.69 paid in on the 1925 program. The need of two deserving girls, graduates of the Thomasville Orphanage, was brought to the women at this meeting, and as they were heartily endorsed by Mr. Kesler, Superintendent of the Orphanage, a purse of $54.00 cash, and a subscription of $25.00 was given.

Christ's standard for a Christian steward demands that we be wise as well as faithful, therefore we have emphasized Mission Study this year. We rejoice to report 15 Mission Study classes and 159 subscribers to the Biblical Recorder, 72 subscribers to Home and Foreign Fields, 110 subscribers to Royal Service, and 19 subscriptions to World Comrades, making a total of 351 denominational subscriptions.

The superintendent visited 7 societies, attended the State W. M. U. Convention, and the Charlotte Division Meeting; traveling a total of 545 miles, and has written 189 letters and postals.

We are grateful for the women and young people in our Association, who, by their loyalty, have accomplished this wonderful work.

The seven churches of our Association who did not report this year, are the following:

Calvary Church, South Gastonia, N. C.

Alexis Church, Alexis, N. C.

Spencer Mt. Church, Spencer Mountain, N. C.

High Shoals Church, High Shoals, N. C.

Shady Grove Church, Cherryville, N. C.

Tuckaseege Church, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Mt. Beulah Church, Kings Mountain, N. C.

The Pastors of these churches are urged to inaugurate a movement for

the beginning of a W. M. U. in each locality. Any aid that might be required of some of the stronger churches will be given gladly.

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by Mrs. L. O. Bunton, Mrs. W. J. Francis, Mrs. Winnie Rickett, and the report is adopted.

The following visitors were enrolled during the meeting:

Mrs. R. E. Wyatt, Lowell, N. C.; L. L. Hurley, Gastonia, N. C.; C. E. Austin, McAdenville; Ed. Powell, Gastonia, N. C.; P. A. Cline, Gastonia, N. C.; Lester E. Hartman, Gastonia, N. C.; Grady G. Hagler, Asheville, N. C.. E. A. Harris, Belmont, N. C.; Mrs. N. G. Todd, Belmont, N. C.; Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, Belmont, N. C.; Mrs. Hugh P. Bryant, Belmont, N. C.; Mrs. J. S. Darly, Belmont, N. C.; Mrs. D. H. Campbell, Gastonia, N. C.; H. E. Lane, Gastonia, N. C.; Mrs. Ida Hoffman, Lowell, N. C.; Carrie Queen, Dallas, N. C.; Mrs. M. M. Parker, Lowell, N. C.; T. H. Henderson, Cramerton, N. C.; E. L. Carpenter, Cramerton, N. C.; S. C. Camp, Gastonia, N. C.. Laura Allen, Dallas, N. C.; L. P. Baker, Gastonia, N. C.; Mrs. C. M. Howard, Alexis, N. C.; Mrs. Ballard, Alexis, N. C.; Ila Mae Lineberger, Alexis, N. C.; Arabella Hovis, Alexis, N. C.; Elsie McAllister, Alexis, N. C.; Callie Stroupe, Alexis, N. C.; Mrs. W. L. Hasting, Bessemer City, N. C.; Claudia Lineberger, Alexis, N. C.; Myrtle Hovis, Alexis, N. C.; Mrs. T. A. Stroup, Alexis, N. C.; Mrs. G. A. Rhyne, Alexis, N. C.. Macie Morris, Alexis, N. C.; Gertie Shelton, Alexis, N. C.. Irene Jenkins, Gastonia; Myrtle Rhyne, Dallas; C. W. Shelton, Alexis; Mrs. E. C. Rhyne, Dallas; Mrs. Joe Gribble, Dallas; Mrs. C. W. Abernethy, Alexis; Miss Pearl Watts, Dallas; Mrs. R. B. Hicks, Cherryville. R. B. Hicks, Cherryville; Lewis Crisco, Boiling Springs; Mrs. H. B. Deaton, McAdenville; A. H. Thomas, Mount Holly; Grady Bowen, Boiling Springs; M. H. Summey, Boiling Springs; Lawrence Roberts, Boiling Springs, N. C.; Line Francis, Ellenboro; J. C. Jordon, Mooresboro; E. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton, N. C.; A. W. Kincaid, Boiling Springs; A. J. Hamrick, Boiling Springs. Irene Hoffman, Boiling Springs; Joe Burnett, Boiling Springs; N. S. Hardin, Boiling Springs; Mrs. G. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton; H. H. Wells, Jr., Boiling Springs; Francis Lancaster, Boiling Springs; David Roberts, Boiling Springs; Jennie Whisnant, Lincolnton, N. C.; W. H. Flowers, Boiling Springs; S. A. Stroup, Stanley, N. C.. Lee Wacaster, Boiling Springs; Rufus Walker, Boiling Springs; M. P. Rhyne, Dallas; P. A. Underwood, Gastonia; Mrs. Vergie Wilson, McAdenville; Mrs. L. M. Rhyne, McAdenville; Mrs. R. B. Abernethy, Lowell; Mr. W. W. Abernethy, Huntersville, N. C.; Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville; E. A. Hurley, Gastonia; Mrs. E. A. Hurley, Gastonia, N. C.; A. V. Washburn, J. N. Barnette, J. W. Suttle, Shelby. Mrs. A. V. Washburn, Shelby; Winnie Rickett, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Lee Lanier, Belmont, N. C.; Lee Lanier, Belmont; Claud Cos, Ranlo; M. P. Withers, Ranlo; James S. Hovis, Stanley; Oscar Armstrong, Gastonia; Mrs. Chas. Austin, McAdenville; M. A. Harnell, McAdenville; Roland Hamrick, Boiling Springs; Ida Abernethy, Gastonia, N. C.; G. A. Costner, McAdenville; J. S. Barrett, C. M. Rollins, Boiling Springs; J. R. Greene, Carl Matheny, Cliffside; Mrs. T. P. Skidmore, McAdenville; Prof. J. D. Huggins, Principal Boiling Springs High School; A. N. Henderson, Boiling Springs; Grady Haynes, Boiling Springs; Kate Center, Alexis. E. H. Williams, Maiden; G. S. Whisnant, Lincolnton; Mrs. S. C. Nance, Alexis; Mrs. W. J. Francis, Belmont; Mrs. R. G. Mace, Belmont; Picola Gardner, Gastonia; Ida Morse,

Alexis; Viola Howard, Alexis; Thelma Dellinger, Alexis; Allie Ballard, Alexis; Zannie Bradshaw, Iron Station. Gentie Hovis, Alexis; M. S. King, Gastonia; Mrs. L. L. Hurley, Gastonia; Carrie Bradshaw, Alexis; W. M. Skidmore, Mount Holly; Pink Hart, Alexis; George Hart, Alexis; Mrs. G. S. Holder, Gastonia; Mrs. T. P. Stanfield, Gastonia; Mrs. A. N. Morris, Mrs. James Hovis, Stanley; T. V. Morris, Cramerton. Pearl McCall, Gastonia; Mrs. J. M. Trogdon, Cramerton; Berthie McCall, Gastonia; Mrs. R. L. Leeper, Cramerton; Mrs. R. G. Short, Cherryville; Lillie Williams, Cherryville; T. H. Roach, Cherryville; J. P. Sanders, Gastonia; H. G. Mauney, Cherryville; J. O. Smith, Stanley. W. R. Hinson, Stanley; Kenneth McAlister, Alexis; H. C. Frady, Gastonia; Sam Hardy, Gastonia; J. M. Skidmore, Gastonia; Roy C. Holcomb, Ranlo; Lena Huggins, Gastonia; Ella Griffin, Gastonia; Mrs. A. Frank Ware, Gastonia; Roy Medford, Gastonia; Chas. Roberts, Gastonia. Mrs. G. C. Moss, Gastonia; Mrs. E. W. Miller, Vale; Mrs. Wm. T. Baucom, Dallas; Zeno Wall, Shelby; Dr. R. T. Vann, Secretary Board of Education, Raleigh; Dr. W. L. Poteat, President Wake Forest College, Wake Forest; C. P. Abernethy, High Shoals; O. P. Hamrick, Boiling Springs; Mrs. R. E. Cato, Belmont, N. C.; Lee Powell, Boiling Springs; Grover Spawn, Boiling Springs. Francis Lancaster, Boiling Springs; J. B. Huff, Wingate, N. C.; J. H. Quinn, Shelby; Mrs. W. T. Rankin, McAdenville.

S. R. Bass reads the following report on:

## STATE MISSIONS

The contemplation of the gospel and the progress of the kingdom work in this state is one of inspiring interest. It is one where the hand of God is seen from every angle and viewpoint. When the Baptists of our state organized themselves for specific work at Greenville in 1830, there was less than 10,000 members of our denomination in all the state of North Carolina. At the same time there was more than 20,000 of the Hard-Shell Baptists. Today we have 347,000 white Baptists in the state and also 230,000 negroes of our faith. Today the Hard-shells have dwindled to almost an un-noticeable number. At that time we had no schools or colleges to send our children to and there were not more than five pastors in the state who were college graduates. We have today through the blessings of God and the co-operation of the denomination, three standard colleges, two junior colleges and two academies and five Home Board schools of the mountain districts, a great hospital at Winston-Salem, and a fine and well equipped Orphanage at Thomasville. Out of the dim past God indeed has led us to such glorious victories that time fail us to mention. This has been true because we sought to do His will and walked by Faith in all the promises of the Book. The missionary program of our Baptist is that that identifies us with Jesus' own life who went about doing good, seeking the lost and lifting up the fallen, and who said: "As the Father hath sent me into the world so send I you." We are glad in this to report that hundreds of our churches now have their pulpits filled with both college and seminary men, while in the pews are large numbers of alumni from all our institutions of learning who are taking the leadership in the work of the churches.

Out of the dim past of only a few years ago when there was not a Baptist in our state who was able to read the Greek Testament, now by courage and sacrifice, and earnest devotion our preachers have arisen to the ranks of the great leaders of the world. The authors from our Baptist people

are quoted and read by the nations. From the rear seat of the platform of life we have come forth in our Master's name and with the whole gospel for a whole world. For many years our children in this great land sat in ignorance because of persecution, but now they have come to accept and to take their place among the nobles of the lands.

These multiplied blessings surely come from our Creator. We have tried to comply with the New Testament plans and have begun at Jerusalem, we have searched Judea, witnessed in Samaria, and by God's blessings and power with us we will go unto the ends of the earth. But with many things having been accomplished and thousands of souls brought to Jesus, yet the fields are still waiting for reapers to thrust in the scythe of His truth. As we have followed Christ's plan great blessing and success have come to our Baptist people. We have been marching with the progress of the world and through the State Board numerous churches have been able to function more nobly their part and thus prepare for much greater things. Many weak churches in the state have been lifted to become powers in soul-winning, and to fulfill the command: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Our Board has not been slow to enter places of destitution, but wisely they have expended the funds placed in their hands. This spirit of carefully studying the work has saved many places for our faith, and for the Master.

Our denomination under the leadership of Dr. C. E. Maddry, of Raleigh, has now in the State 145 missionaries, giving all their time to kingdom work. There are five Sunday school workers and several associational helpers enlisted. Also we have four B. Y. P. U. workers who give all their time.

After so many blessings brought us and since God has led us out of the dark places into His glorious light and victory, our heart pains us to report a large debt on our Board of nearly $90,000. What has been given has come from about 145,000 members of the churches; 200,000 white Baptists unenlisted. To say the least it is embarrassing to our State Board and should be to every loyal Baptist in the State. It is hindering the work given us to do and proving that there are many in our churches who do not believe a whole gospel. This condition is further saddened by the fact that we have 1500 churches without a W. M. S. and 300 pastors who do not take the Biblical Recorder, and 1450 Sunday school superintendents in the same class. We have 1100 churches without a B. Y. P. U. and thousands around us without Christ. Our hearts should indeed be stirred within us as we contemplate these things. There are 1400 four wall churches in our state with no means of modern Sunday school work at all. Our Board is overwhelmed with calls but unable to answer.

We may conclude that as for our own association, we have done our part nobly. Many have, but so many of our people are just waiting for others to do the hard thing, that the work is suffering much.

Let us always pray for our Boards but we must never forget that God loves a cheerful giver. We should first of all give ourselves to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BASS,

For the Committee.

O. W. Triplett reads the report on:

## HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board presented its eightieth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Memphis, Tennessee. For the last twenty-five years the advance in Home Missions has been at times remarkable and always continuous and healthy.

It reached its highest point in 1920, the first year of the 75-Million Campaign. Since that time, due to various causes but chiefly to the falling off in receipts, the Board has made severe and drastic retrenchment in many phases of its work. And at the recent annual meeting in June, on account of the heavy and burdensome debt, the Board had to still further retrench. Enlargement on the contrary is called for in every direction.

Notwithstanding the retrenchments made, the Board presents a year of wonderful results.

With 1,077 missionaries, they report 49,219 weeks of labor. 2,381 churches and stations; 144,087 sermons and addresses; 30,027 additions by baptisms; 4,896 by letter; total additions, 50,354; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or improved; 608 Sunday schools organized; distributed 12,995 Bibles and Testaments.

The Home Mission field was never so great and urgent as now. To save our own land is a condition of saving the lost in distant lands. Home Missions furnish the great base of supplies for the work at home and afar.

Let's remember the Board and all its work in our prayers and come with greater liberality in our gifts.

O. W. TRIPLETT.

J. W. Whitley reads the report on:

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Lord has greatly blessed our Foreign Mission enterprise. The fact that our missionaries baptized 12,134 last year is an achievement which should set all our hearts aglow. According to our minutes of last year, we have only about two-thirds as many members in this association as were baptized on the foreign fields last year. Our beloved secretary says, "We do not believe that there has ever been a time when the Lord has given more tokens of His concern for world evangelization than He is showing at this time. He has made multitudes in both pagan and papal lands accessible to the missionary and responsive to the gospel. Many precious souls have been saved and many converts give signs of growth in grace."

Some unpleasant facts:

1. The Board reported a debt of $1,250,265.88.

2. Some of the missionaries have broken under the strain. The Board was able to send only 25 new missionaries during the year. The loss by death and resignations totaled 30. This leaves 539 on the field—5 less than a year ago.

3. The failing to appoint the volunteers as they are prepared to go is causing a declining interest in the work among our student bodies.

4. The Board has lost millions by not being able to buy lands and other equipment when exchange was in our favor.

5. We have lost greatly in prestige on some of our fields by disappointing the native Christians.

Some incentives:

1. The work is succeeding gloriously on all the fields. These large achievements for our fidelity ought to stir our souls to greater endeavors.

2. There is every evidence that Jesus is already on all our mission fields preparing the hearts of the people for the coming of the message of truth. The fields are white as they have never been white before since Jesus died on the cross.

3. All over the world there is need, desperate need, of the Savior. The collapse of old systems and religions has left men in bewilderment, in fear, and in anxiety. Of all times, this is the time to tell them of Jesus.

4. The enemies of the cross are busy. Satan is trying to get the bewildered world to follow him.

This call and this opportunity and this honor are distinctly made to evangelical America. The Foreign Mission Board therefore is calling upon the churches and individuals of the Southern Baptist Convention to come to the rescue of the Board in its plight that the Board may be enabled to meet this desperate need and glorious opportunity. There is nothing else which is quite so commanding, so imperative, so urgent, so indispensable, and so indeferable a duty as this duty to the Foreign Mission Board in this tremendous hour.

*The Remedy*

Let every church put on an Every Member Canvass enlisting every member of every church in the "GRACE" of giving which means regular and proportionate giving. Paul told us how to do it in 1 Cor. 16:2. "Upon the FIRST day of the week let EVERY ONE of you lay by him in store, as God has PROSPERED HIM, that there may be no gatherings when I come." If every Baptist would give at least one-tenth of his or her income into the treasury of the Lord, the needs of every board of our denomination would be met and the cause of Jesus at home and abroad would go forward by leaps and bounds. Our State Board, Home Board, and Foreign Board would be enabled to use every young man and woman who has offered his or her life like Isaiah saying, "Here am I, send me." Brethren, let us match these lives with the Lord's own money.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS W. WHITLEY,
For the Committee.

At the close of reading these reports and each of them, motion is made to adopt all. The motion is discussed by Perry Morgan, O. W. Triplett, J. W. Whitley, and is adopted.

J. P. Thomas reads report on:

B. Y. P. U.

The close of the associational year finds the Gaston County Associational B. Y. P. U. in splendid working order. We have possibly made greater strides forward from the standpoint of efficiency this year than during any year past. Not so many Unions have been organized as we had hoped for at the beginning of the year but we do feel that having attained a high standard of efficiency and at the same time making a gain of about five new Unions is doing good work.

Our county convention held with the Cramerton church on the fifth Sunday of May was the best we have ever held from many angles. Our attendance at this meeting was around 600 people, the larger number of whom were B. Y. P. U. members. Among the outstanding features of this meeting was the address of Dr. Clay I. Hudson of Charlotte, the talks of Mr. Perry Morgan and the sermon by Dr. J. W. Whitley. The officers elected at this convention were: Mr. J. P. Thomas, president; Miss Addie Leeper, Mr. W. G. McArver, Miss Mamie Sipe and Mr. M. R. Thomas, vice-presidents; Miss Lena Huggins, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. J. B. Shelton, Jr., and Intermediate Leader, and Mr. William Rankin, Chorister. The new officers are very active and every indication is that they will be able to make fine headway in this work during the year.

Another splendid part of our work is the meetings that are held in each district once each quarter. These meetings are attended by almost all of the members of the Unions and they are a great boost for the work as a whole. We wish to appeal to the pastors especially those not having Unions in their churches, to further co-operate with us in making these special meetings a success.

There continues to be confusion about duties of the president of the County Union and Director of the Association, due to the fact that one is elected in May and the other at the Association. The president elected in May usually remaining idle until he is confirmed by the Association and made Director. We would appreciate this being worked out in such way that there would be a clear understanding in this.

The matter of financing the County B. Y. P. U. work is also a difficulty we have. The cost is very low but usually has to be borne by a few. Suggestions on this would be appreciated.

We believe the B. Y. P. U. to be the best agency we have for training in Christian service when it is properly conducted and we urge each pastor to stand loyally by this part of the work. We especially urge pastors not having Unions in their churches to help us in the matter of organizing one.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. THOMAS.

On motion to adopt the report, it is discussed by J. P. Thomas, Perry Morgan, J. E. Lambkin, and is adopted.

W. J. Francis made the report of the:

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

Flint Groves Baptist Church located in Eastern Gastonia, M. L. Barnes, pastor, received by baptism 48, by letter 54, by restoration 9, losses 25, net gain 86, present membership 276. Building and repairs, money spent, $5,-441.04. Other expenses, $1,556.65. Benevolences, $276.03. Enrollment in S. S., 418. Completed a second unit of the building program, which contains 8 class rooms. Amount received from the State Mission Board $200. Total amount all objects, $7,263.69. Plans to go off Board.

Ranlo Baptist Church, M. L. Barnes, pastor, received from State Mission Board $200. Number baptisms 22, number by letter 55, present membership 288, raised for benevolences $246.45, for local expenses $1,905.10, building $3,138.29. Total amount to all objects $5,299.84. The following organizations: W. M. S., S. S., B. Y. P. U., G. A., R. A., Y. W. A., Sunbeam Band, Ladies' Aid.

Calvary Baptist Church, T. P. Stanfield pastor, received from State Mission Board $275.00. Number baptisms 109, number by letter 90, present membership 374, amount raised for benevolences $390.31, local expenses $3,011.12, amount raised for building $2,184.22. Total amount for all objects $5,585.65. Live Sunday School, W. M. S., B. Y. P. U. 3 Unions, Sunbeam Band.

Center View Baptist Church, A. R. Holland, pastor, received from State Mission Board $480.00 for the year. Number baptisms 12, number by letter 53, present membership 240, money raised for benevolences $237.21, raised for local expenses $2,492.49, for building $153.21. Total for all objects $2,879.21. The following organizations in the church: W. M. S., Jr. and Int. B. Y. P. U., S. S.

Besides these mission fields we want to call particular attention to the imperative need of the East Belmont field, Mt. Holly field, West Gastonia field. These fields have received no aid from the State Board but it is almost imperative that we take notice of these places and that we try to provide some additional help in some way.

South Marietta Street Church, P. A. Underwood, pastor, received from Board, $300.00. Baptisms 17, by letter 46, present membership 210, money raised for benevolences $247.56, for local expenses $2,677.56, building $655.00. Total amount for all objects $3,580.12. Organizations in the church: S. S., Jr. and Int. B. Y. P. U., W. M. S., Y. W. A.

Hardin Baptist Church, C. A. Abernethy, pastor, received from the State Mission Board $200.00. Raised for benevolence $100.00. Pastor's salary $400.00. Total for all objects $758.18. Received by baptism 10, received by letter 6, losses none, present membership 88, number in Sunday School 81, recently organized Woman's Missionary Society, have two B. Y. P. U.'s with enrollment of 22.

On motion, it is adopted.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reports and recommends that the next session of the Association meet with the Flint-Groves Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C.; that O. W. Trip-

lett be elected to preach the sermon. On motion the report is adopted.

The Association adjourns at 4:20 p. m. to meet at 7:30 tonight.

Benediction by J. J. Beach.

## TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Association is called to order at 7:00 o'clock by the Moderator. Opening song, "Blessed Assurance." Song: "I Am Resolved No Longer to Linger." A. R. Holland, of Center View Church, read the Scripture Lesson from II Tim. 4, and offered prayer.

Congregational singing, "Jesus is Tenderly Calling."

The Report on Temperance is read by R. G. Mace.

### TEMPERANCE

It seems to the writer that any report on Temperance as related to strong drink should concern itself with the question of law observance.

We hear much of law enforcement, especially with reference to the Volstead act, and perhaps it is well that we do. But is it not a fact that we lay altogether too little stress on the other side of the question—that of law observance? It is true that a law that is strictly observed needs no enforcement. The church must concern itself with the problem of creating a respect for all law. The mission of the church is to make good citizens as well as good Christians. The rapid increase of crime in America during the past few years has become a subject of much alarm, and, unless a halt can be called, anarchy threatens to dethrone law.

All crime has its inception in moral lawlessness. Just to the extent that the moral tone of our people is raised, will crime decrease. It is with this phase of the matter that the Christian church should especially concern itself. We do not make a good Christian without at the same time making a good citizen. No good citizen will violate the law of his land or connive at such violation on the part of others.

The Eighteenth Amendment together with all laws for the proper carrying out of its provisions are binding upon every citizen. He who sells and he who buys intoxicating beverages contrary to the provisions of these laws is a criminal. The buyer conspires with the seller for the violation of the law.

It is the earnest conviction of your committee that we should turn our endeavors toward creating a wholesome respect for all law and a strong disdain for the violator in the lives of those whom we may influence.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MACE.

And on motion to adopt, the question is discussed by R. G. Mace and G. P. Abernethy, and is adopted.

Song: "The Touch of His Hand on Mine."

W. T. Baucom, of Dallas, preached the Associational Sermon using for his lesson Acts 4:1-13, and using the 13th verse as a text from which he brought a splendid message on, "The Need of Convincing the World That We Have Been With Jesus." It was a message of great spiritual power and inspiration.

Benediction by W. T. Baucom.

The meeting is adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association is called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the Moderator.

Songs: "Higher Ground," and "He Leadeth Me."

P. A. Underwood conducts the devotional services. Prayer by T. P. Stanfield. Scripture Lesson, Eph., 6th Chapter. Prayer by Mr. Underwood.

C. J. Black, from Kings Mountain, and F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, are recognized as visitors.

R. S. Lewis reads report on:

### ORPHANAGE WORK

The best known place to rear a child is in the Christian home. The next best known place is in an institution operated under Christian influences. In the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville we have such a place. Many of us are vain enough to believe that the efficiency of its management, and the moral and Christian influences thrown around the children within its walls approaches the ideal.

The first child was received into the Orphanage November 11th, 1885. Since then 2355 have been enrolled, and at present there are 602 in the institution—492 at Thomasville and 110 at Kennedy Home.

Through the agency of the Mothers' Aid the institution is lending financial assistance each month to mothers having in their care 368 children. Not only is financial aid supplied. The director of this department makes periodical visits to the eighty-four families with the view of developing the three basic things, the physical, the mental and the moral. Every child of school age is required to attend school, and encouraged to attend Sunday school, while the mothers are supplied with wholesome reading matter, and instructed in the arts of preparing food, housekeeping and general sanitation.

This adventure in extending the usefulness of the Orphanage will prove—indeed it is now proving—to be one of the very finest things the Baptists of North Carolina have ever undertaken.

The Orphanage is on the hearts of more Baptists than any other department of our denominational work for the reason that our sympathies are

more quickly enlisted by the appeal of those in distress, and the fact of our being able to see with a clearer vision the direct results of efforts expended in orphanage work. But we must remind ourselves of the ever increasing demands of homeless children for relief and admit of no slackening of efforts to increase our contributions.

We heartily endorse the three recommendations usually made, to-wit:

1. That the collection of one Sunday in each month in the Sunday schools be set apart for the Orphanage.

2. That every member of both Church and Sunday school be urged to contribute the equivalent of one day's work during the Thanksgiving season.

3. That a club of Charity and Children be placed in every Sunday school.

In addition to these recommendations we would suggest another:

4. That a concerted and systematic effort be made to secure monthly contributions from those church members who do not regularly attend Sunday school, and who, by their absence, have no part in the regular monthly Sunday school collection.

If energetically worked we believe this last suggestion could be the means of providing a source of considerable additional income for the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. LEWIS.

On motion to adopt the report, it is discussed by R. S. Lewis, F. B. Hamrick, and C. J. Black, and is adopted.

The Moderator announces the appointment of the following committees: To nominate the Executive Committee, W. N. Cook, T. C. Smith, W. T. Baucom, W. A. Hoffman and C. A. Caldwell; Order of Business, R. G. Mace, J. O. Fulbright and J. J. Beach.

The following visitors are recognized: Dr. W. L. Poteat, President Wake Forest College; Dr. R. T. Vann, Educational Secretary; J. B. Huff, President Wingate College; Paul Hamrick, of the Boiling Springs High School; Dr. Zeno Wall, Pastor First Baptist Church, Shelby; and J. H. Quinn, Chairman Board of Trustees, Boiling Springs High School.

W. L. Walters reads:

TREASURER'S REPORT

My report as Treasurer of the Gaston County Baptist Association for the year ending September, 1925, is submitted herewith:

*Receipts*

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| Collections from churches for minute fund | $172.45 |

*Disbursements*

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| Brumley Printing Company, Program, 1924 | $ 4.50 |
| Loftin & Company—Minutes | 132.00 |

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| D. P. Dellinger, Clerk | 25.00 | |
| D. P. Dellinger, Expense Mailing | 8.50 | |
| D. P. Dellinger, Old Account | 2.45 | |
| Total Disbursements | | $172.45 |
| Deficit | $ 40.57 | |

Amount shown as deficit has been paid by the Clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALTERS.

On motion, it is adopted.

J. J. Beach makes motion, seconded by D. P. Dellinger, for the adoption of the following:

BOND RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Boiling Springs High School, Incorporated, of Boiling Springs, N. C., which is owned jointly by the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run, and Gaston County Baptist Associations and controlled by a Board of Trustees appointed by them, with the approval of said Associations heretofore given, has ordered the Executive Committee of said Board, through its officers, to issue and sell bonds of said corporation in the sum of FORTY THOUSAND ($40,000.00) Dollars to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to mature in five annual installments, beginning January 1, 1929, both interest and principal to be payable at Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., payment to be secured by a first Mortgage or Deed of Trust on all the property of the corporation, all details as to series, form, denominations, etc., to be determined by Executive Committee; and, whereas, said Corporation has contracted with Bitting & Company, of St. Louis, Mo., for sale and purchase of said issue of bonds; and, whereas, said Associations are desirous of protecting the purchasers of said bonds in accordance with the terms and stipulations thereof: therefore,

Be it RESOLVED by the Gaston County Baptist Association in annual session assembled, on this the 21st day of October, 1925, at Alexis Baptist Church, Alexis, N. C., that we hereby join with the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Baptist Associations in guaranteeing and do hereby guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of the said FORTY THOUSAND ($40,000.00) Dollars of bonds to be issued and sold by the said Boiling Springs High School, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms, provisions, and stipulations of said bonds.

And the Association unanimously adopts same and orders that it be recorded in the Minutes.

M. L. Barnes reads report on:

EDUCATION

The life of a nation depends upon its schools. The value of a school depends upon its ideals. The ideals of a school have their highest worth only

as they are Christian. It is the duty of the churches to make these ideals dominant in education.

To this end, North Carolina Baptists have inaugurated a broad and systematic educational program. They are undertaking to maintain in this State, Wake Forest, Meredith and Chowan as standard colleges; Mars Hill and Wingate as standard Junior Colleges; and Buie's Creek and Boiling Springs as standard High schools. In addition to this the Home Mission Board maintains six High Schools. In all these schools we enrolled a total of 4,526, 269 of these being ministerial students and 105 student volunteers. Their property value was $4,771,469.00.

South-wide institutions enrolled 1186 students. Their property is valued at $4,249,881. It is for the maintenance of these institutions, State and South-wide, that our Educational Board is laboring. Since 1900, Baptist Schools in the South have increased from 65 to 118, students from 11,130 to 38,000, property and endowment from 7 1-2 to 40 million.

While the $5,000,000.00, in round numbers, which we have invested in school property in this State seems a large sum, it is small in comparison with the many millions invested in State Schools, and the few thousands which we raise annually for our schools is a trifling sum when compared with the State's annual appropriations to her high schools, colleges and university. In addition to maintaining these institutions themselves, we are helping to support about 200 of our 374 young ministerial and missionary students, which are being trained in them; on these we expend about $15,000 a year.

The necessity for maintaining our schools, great as it has been in the past must increase rather than diminish for the future, for the following reasons:

First. Because our institutions must be kept in the front rank along with those of the State in the cultural training that they give, or we cannot hope to keep our Baptist boys and girls in our schools.

Second. Heretofore, practically nine-tenths of our educated ministers and missionaries have come out of our Baptist institutions; and in the nature of the case, these still must be trained in our schools or nowhere. Moreover, the State is rapidly enlarging and strengthening her educational program, and compelling all her children to be educated. This, of course, means a much more intelligent membership in our churches, and that we must educate a still larger proportion of our ministers and leaders; for an educated membership will demand an educated leadership.

Third. Because of the tendency of some students of science to attack the Bible from the standpoint of science, we must train our God-fearing men and women to meet these scientists on their own ground, and while pursuing all knowledge in all realms, to relate all knowledge and all science to God Almighty.

Fourth. The denominational schools emphasize not only the religious spirit but the denominational principles as well, and thus they help to enlighten and strengthen their students in respect to our distinctive doctrines, and also to enlist them loyally in our Baptist enterprises. Baptist schools are making more effort today than ever before to so train the young people who come to them that when they go back to their home churches, they will prove useful and efficient members. The study of the Bible is required, provision is made for training in B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School

work, and the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness is exalted on campus and in class rooms. In short, an atmosphere and an environment is created in which the Spirit of Christ is dominant. It is only in such an atmosphere that the growing life may develop into well rounded personality.

M. L. BARNES,
For the Committee.

J. H. Quinn, Chairman Board of Trustees, reads report on:

## BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Kings Mountain, Sandy Run and Gaston County Baptist Associations:

Your school closed its 18th year on April 22, 1925, with its usual high class commencement exercises, which were held in the newly completed and beautiful auditorium of the new Memorial Building.

The total enrollment for last year was 272, of which 141 were boys and 131 girls. These were distributed by classes as follows: Freshman Class, 63; Sophomore, 65; Junior, 68; Senior, 62; and Specials, 14. In the graduating class were 62, of these 24 were boys and 38 girls. This was the largest graduating class in the history of the school, except the previous year when it was only two larger. The total number of graduates of the school to date is 442. While we point to these with commendable pride, we are not forgetful of the hundreds of others who have been equipped here for life's real battles. No doubt 3,000 or more, students have enrolled in this school since its opening.

FINANCES: The Bursar submits the following financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, to-wit:

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| Total charged to students | | $35,165.63 |
| Sources of Income: | | |
| From Tuition, fees, etc. | | 33,448.22 |
| From old notes and accounts | | 2,620.28 |
| From State Bap. Ed. Board | | 2,320.00 |
| Bank balance August 1, 1924 | | 136.63 |
| Total | | $38,525.13 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| For operating expenses | $35,055.60 | |
| For improvements | 1,215.96 | 36,271.56 |
| Surplus | | $ 2,253.57 |
| Tangible Assets: | | |
| Time Deposit | | $ 2,250.00 |
| Bank Balance | | 3.57 |
| Notes and Accounts | | 3,044.56 |
| Total Assets | | $ 5,298.13 |

PRESENT TERM: The present term opened August 9, 1925. The present enrollment by classes is as follows:

Freshman Class, 45. Sophomore, 41; Junior, 48; Senior, 65; and Specials, 12; making total enrollment to date, 211. The enrollments in the special

departments are as follows: Bible, 115; Music, 62; Home Economics, 20. and Art, 5. There are 21 ministerial students and one volunteer.

MEMORIAL BUILDING: The Memorial Building is now entirely completed, except painting the woodwork on the interior. This is now the administration building, the Principal's office and all class rooms being in same. This building is of brick, three stories, and has cost approximately $65,000.00.

CENTRAL HEATING PLANT: During the last year we have installed a Central Heating Plant that gives entire satisfaction. It heats all of the present buildings and is ample for other buildings. Its cost was approximately $15,000.00.

ATHLETICS: In keeping with the modern idea of a healthy and vigorous body for an active mind, your school encourages and fosters clean and healthful athletics with—and only with—satisfactory class work.

LITERARY SOCIETIES: The four first class literary societies of your school are doing wonderful work in the development of manhood and womanhood for leadership in church and State.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT: With the Bible as a text-book and standing unequivocally for all of its teachings, yours is a Christian school with all that the term implies. Special emphasis is placed upon the work of this department. Plans are under consideration for materially extending this work in the future.

MINISTERIAL TUITION: The tuition for the ministerial and volunteer students now in attendance is about $1,000.00. As the State Educational Board has found it necessary to reduce its appropriation to our school for current expenses about $1,000.00, we recommend that the association take pledges to cover the tuition of these students.

AVAILABLE STUDENTS: In every church in these three associations there are boys and girls who should and will be in our school if its advantages are properly placed before them—advantages offered by no other high school in this territory. All of our churches need more active workers. Our pastors greatly need more trained helpers to carry on the Master's work. Let our school train them for you.

OUR NEEDS: We need additional buildings and repairs on those we have. We need improvement on our grounds and athletic fields and more equipment, but greatest of all we need a substantial endowment. We have only a beginning of $3,800.00. Our secondary schools offer the greatest opportunity to men and women of wealth to promote the cause of education since so many more finish their education in these schools than go to our higher institutions. We pray that the Holy Spirit will lead many of our friends to provide liberally for Boiling Springs High School in their donations and in their wills.

In conclusion, your school extends to every member of these three Associations, and especially to the pastors, a most cordial invitation to visit it

and to learn, first hand, the class of work that it is doing, and the advantages that it offers.

Respectfully submitted, this the 23rd day of September, A. D., 1925.

J. H. QUINN,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

G. B. PRUETTE,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

On motion to adopt, the subject is ably discussed by M. L. Barnes, J. H. Quinn, J. J. Beach. On motion, it is ordered that the question of education be further discussed first thing at the afternoon session.

J. J. Beach presents the matter of providing funds for the payment of tuition for the Ministerial Students of Boiling Springs High School. The following pledges were made: Belmont First Church, $45.00; Cherryville, $45.00; First Gastonia, $45.00; Loray Gastonia, $45.00; Long Creek Memorial, $22.50; East Gastonia, $22.50; R. S. Lewis Bible Class, $22.50; Dr. W. L. Poteat, $5.00; W. G. Camp, $10.00; W. N. Cook, $10.00; M. L. Barnes, $5.00; J. M. Ballard, $5.00; P. A. Underwood, $5.00; B. T. Gladden, $5.00; and W. W. Rimmer, $5.00.

The Moderator announces committee to nominate Trustees, Boiling Springs High School: O. W. Triplett, P. A. Underwood, and T. P. Stanfield.

The Association adjourns at 12:00 o'clock to meet at 1:00 p. m.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association meets at 1:00 p. m. and is called to order by the Moderator.

Songs: "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Stand Up For Jesus."

Devotional exercises by B. T. Gladden. Prayer by J. D. Moose. Scripture Lesson, 24th Psalm. Prayer by Mr. Gladden.

The Moderator appoints the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention: David P. Dellinger, R. S. Lewis and J. J. Beach.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. W. Whitley.

Member State Mission Board: W. C. Barrett.

O. W. Triplett reports and recommends that J. J. Beach and A. U. Stroup be elected to succeed themselves, and J. W. Whitley to fill the unexpired terms of C. J. Black expiring 1926, and D.

P. Stowe the unexpired term of W. W. Williams, expiring 1928 on the Board of Trustees of Boiling Springs High School. On motion, they are elected.

R. S. Lewis offers the following:

RESOLUTIONS ON INDEBTEDNESS

Whereas the Honor, Reputation and the cause of our Lord as we stand identified with it is at stake in the indebtedness of our Boards. Therefore:
Resolved that every Pastor of this Association is urged to present the facts with an earnest appeal to every member of their churches to make a supreme personal effort to meet this trying condition at once before the meeting of our Convention at Charlotte in November.

R. S. LEWIS.

On motion, the same is adopted.

W. N. Cook recommends the election of the following Executive Committee: W. J. Francis, W. C. Barrett, Labe Abernethy, J. J. Beach, R. S. Lewis, J. W. Whitley, and R. G. Mace.

On motion, they are elected.

The Moderator appoints the following Chairman to write reports for next year:

Religious Literature—W. A. Hoffman.
Woman's Work—President W. M. U.
B. Y. P. U.—Director B. Y. P. U.
Sunday Schools—S. R. Bass.
Morals and Temperance—R. S. Lewis.
State Missions—P. A. Underwood.
Home Missions—R. G. Mace.
Foreign Missions—W. T. Baucom.
Christian Education—W. C. Barrett.
Orphanage—W. B. McClure.
Ministerial Relief—W. G. Camp.
Hospitals—E. C. Andrews.
Obituaries—J. M. Ballard.

R. S. Lewis presents the matter of indebtedness on the reconditioning of the old auditorium in the main building of Boiling Springs High School and of furnishing same. The following pledges were made: F. H. Robinson, $10.00; R. S. Lewis, $5.00; J. O. Fulbright, $5.00; Mrs. W. C. Barrett, $5.00; Dr. Zeno Wall, $5.00; McAdenville W. M. S., $5.00; South Marietta

Street, $5.00; M. L. Barnes, $2.50; W. T. Baucom, $2.50; E. Gastonia W. M. S., $5.00; W. B. McClure, $10.00; W. C. Barrett, $5.00; F. S. Conrad, $10.00, and General collection taken, $10.00.

On motion by J. J. Beach, the excess on pledges and collection on the Ministerial Student tuition fund over $275.00 is to be turned over to Miss Etta Curtis to be added to this fund.

R. G. Mace, for the committee, recommends the adoption of the following:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

October 19-20

TUESDAY MORNING

10:00—Devotional.
10:15—Enrollment of Delegates.
10:30—Organization and Recognition of Visitors.
10:45—Religious Literature.
11:15—Associational Sermon.
12:15—Dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotional.
1:45—Woman's Work.
2:15—B. Y. P. U.
2:45—Sunday Schools.
3:15—Report of Executive Committee.
4:00—Miscellaneous.

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:00—Devotional.
7:15—Public Morals and Temperance.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:15—Devotional.
9:30—State Missions.
10:15—Home Missions.
11:00—Foreign Missions.
11:45—Treasurer's Report and Miscellaneous.
12:00—Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotional.
1:15—Christian Education.
2:15—Orphanage.
2:45—Ministerial Relief.
3:15—Hospitals.
3:30—Obituaries.
3:15—Calling Out the Called.
3:30—Miscellaneous.

R. G. MACE,
For Committee.

On motion, it is adopted.

At this hour the Association resumes consideration of the reports on Education. The subject is discussed by Dr. R. T. Vann, and Dr. W. L. Poteat.

And the reports are adopted.

R. G. Mace makes the following report on:

OBITUARIES

Since the last annual meeting of the Gaston County Baptist Association there has been reported fifty-seven (57) deaths, and we humbly bow to the will of the Almighty who knows best and doeth all things well.

All but seven of our churches reported deaths last year.

The following churches and names have been reported. However, some churches did not give the names of the deceased:

Belmont First—Mrs. Mollie Armstrong.

Bessemer City—Two.

Bruington—Rachel Ellenger, J. W. Brown.

Center View—Mrs. Callie Williamson, Mrs. Callie Roper.

Cherryville—One.

Cramerton—Mrs. Ester Piercy, Mrs. J. L Clanton, Mrs. Charles Stone, Mrs. George Henderson.

Dallas—R. J. Durham, A. R. Martin, W. H. Holland.

Flint-Groves—One.

Calvary, Gastonia—Mrs. J. H. Hayes, Mrs. R. P. Martin.

East Gastonia—Three.

First, Gastonia—Mrs. Martha J. Moore, Mrs. Lelia Martin, Mrs. C. P. McAlpine, D. W. Padgett.

Loray, Gastonia—John Owenby, W. A. Boyd, Mrs. A. P. Bumgardner, Mrs. Margaret Worley, Miss Cloe Hollyfield.

Hardin—One.

Hickory Grove—Four.

High Shoals—One.

Hull's Grove—Two.

Long Creek Memorial—L. A. Devine, Mrs. E. Franklin, Mrs. Nancy Holland, Mrs. Jane Jenkins, C. R. Orrender.

Lowell—Miss Dorcas Wyatt, Mrs. Sid Laws, Mrs. Sallie Ramsey.

McAdenville—L. M. Rhyne, Mrs. W. C. Gates.

Mount Beulah—One.

Mount Holly—T. S. Black.

Mount Zion—One.

Ranlo—One.

Sandy Plains—Four.

Shady Grove—Mrs. E. Lettie Farris.

Tuckaseege—One.

So we see in the midst of our joy we have had sorrows.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. COOK.

W. C. Barrett calls special attention to Mrs. Martha J. Moore and her work. On motion, the report is adopted.

W. T. Baucom reads report on:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The Ministerial Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located in Dallas, Texas. Rev. William Lunsford, D.D., is corresponding secretary. There are two distinct departments in the work of this board. The first is the relief department. The second is the annuity department.

A brief description of the work done by this board might be in place in this report.

First the relief department. Any pastor, or pastor's widow, or other religious worker giving his entire time to denominational work may receive aid from this department. Those who receive aid must be in evident need, and unable to supply their own need. Six hundred ministers now receive aid from this board. The average amount received is less than $140. Three hundred eighty-six widows receive less than $130 on an average. About one hundred orphans receive aid. Funds for all this relief work are provided through the offerings of the churches. The amounts received by these beneficiaries are far too small to adequately provide for their needs.

The present showing of the relief department is not a credit to Southern Baptists. Because pastors and pastors' wives who have given their best years to so great a people as Southern Baptists deserve better care in their declining years.

The annuity department fund is provided jointly by the denomination and the beneficiaries. Those joining the annuity department pay premiums ranging from ..... according to age. This premium pays only one fifth of the total premium required and the churches are called on to pay the other four-fifths. This fund pays its members $500 per year for total disability, and $500 per year for life after the age of 68 years is reached. His widow in case of his death receives $300 per year for life. Should she die and leave minor children this $300 goes to them until they are twenty-one.

A new feature of annuity is being worked out. It is the purpose of this feature to provide an annuity equal to one-half of the average salary received during the years of service. This annuity is to begin at the age of 65, and continue the rest of life. To secure this service annuity a member must contribute two and one-half per cent of his salary, and the church or other organization paying the salary is to pay seven and one-half per cent.

But why care for aged ministers?

1. Because in their youth they heard God's call to preach His gospel and left all to obey that call.

2. Because they served other men in spiritual things while they were accumulating material things. They have served them from the pulpit, in the community, in the home. They have led their children to accept Christ, they have officiated at their weddings, cheered them in the sick room, and comforted them at the open grave. They have been your servants, and the servant is worthy of his hire.

Because God's word assures us that he intended that they should be cared for. Rom. 15:27, "For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their Spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things." I Cor. 9:13, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things (or offerings) of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?"

Your committee would suggest, to any pastor not now a member of the annuity department of our board, the wisdom of joining. And would recommend that we as an Association lay a little more stress on the work of this board during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. BAUCOM,
For the Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report is discussed by W. T. Baucom and is adopted.

J. J. Beach reads report on:

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital is located at Winston-Salem and has had a gratifying year's work.

For the year ending June 30th, there were 1,600 patients, coming from every part of our state. About 225 of these were charity patients or partly so. To care for these costs around $10,000 or about $40.00 each. This was not all the cost, some patients paid a small part and some churches helped, but this was all the denomination was asked to give to care for this number, many of whom the Superintendent says, would have died had they not obtained this opportunity for treatment.

There were only 24 deaths last year—or a little more than one and one-half per cent. This was the lowest hospital death rate in the state.

The cost of maintenance is about $6,250 per month. They must have enough pay patients to meet this or borrow as there is no charity funds left for this year, and yet they try to care for every charity patient sent them.

The hospital pleads that Baptists send them their pay patients also as well as the ones who come on charity, as you will get equal or better treatment and at a lower cost

The hospital depends for running expenses on charity work on the per cent received from the co-operative program, and on the gifts from

Mothers' day offering, which they are asking that all churches take and send direct to the hospital.

The hospital like other institutions is right much in debt now and is in a struggle to tide over till next Mothers' day offering.

They greatly need a nurses home, as they could rent the present quarters for $1,000 per month to patients if they had the home.

The women of the state are planning to aid in building this home.

The management asks our prayers and sympathy.

They say: "Help us save the sick and you will be working the works of God."

Submitted,

J. J. BEACH.

On motion to adopt, the question is discussed by J. J. Beach and it is adopted.

R. S. Lewis offers the following:

HOSPITALITY RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the thanks of the delegates and visitors attending this Association are due and hereby tendered to the members of Alexis Baptist Church and the people of the Alexis community for their very generous hospitality during the meeting.

R. S. LEWIS.

On motion, it is unanimously adopted.

On motion of W. C. Barrett the thanks of the Association are extended to the Officers for their splendid work during the session.

On motion, the Chairman and members of the Executive Committee are authorized to make any and all appointments which may have been overlooked.

Song: "Blest Be the Tie."

The Association adjourns at 3:10 p. m.

Benediction by J. M. Ballard.

W. J. FRANCIS, Moderator.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Clerk.

# *Constitution*

NAME

ARTICLE 1. The name of the body shall be "The Gaston County Baptist Association.

OBJECT

ARTICLE 2. It shall be the object of this Association to furnish the gospel (as we hold it) to the people within the bounds of the Association, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 3. The Association shall consist of the officers of the Association, pastors of the churches in the Association, and Messengers from the churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof over and above 200 members and also one additional messenger for every five thousand dollars or fraction thereof, contributed to the causes of the two conventions.

OFFICERS

ARTICLE 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, a Treasurer and a Clerk, all of whom shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The duties of the officers shall correspond to the duties of the same officers in like organizations, or as defined by the Association from time to time.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall elect an Executive Committee each year whose duties shall be to look after having the gospel preached in all parts of the Association, and to attend to all business of the Association between the sessions, and to make such reports as they deem advisable at the annual meeting of the Association. The Association may appoint or elect such other

Boards or Committees from time to time as circumstances may require.

TIME OF MEETING

ARTICLE 6. The Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday after the Third Sunday in October. The Moderator may at the request of the Executive Committee change the time or the place of meeting of this Association when it may be deemed by him not expedient to meet at the time or place appointed.

VACANCIES

ARTICLE 7. The Moderator in concurrence with the Executive Committee may fill any vacancy occurring between meetings of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the number enrolled on the first day of the Association.

## ADDENDA

MAILING CHURCH LETTERS

The Association requires that the Clerks of the several churches prepare and mail to the Clerk of the Association all Letters to the Association at least ten (10) days before the meeting of the Association.

Further that the Associational Year close on the 30th day of September each year.

Therefore, no collections made, members received or business done on or after October 1st, should be included in the previous year's report. It is most important that this rule be observed for uniformity of the facts and statistics.

MINUTE FUND

The Fund for Minutes and Printing should be sent to the Association and paid over to the Treasurer to avoid delay in getting the Minutes printed.

## HISTORICAL

| | *Year* | *Where Held* | *Moderator* | *Clerk* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1919 | Gastonia First | H. B. Moore | David P. Dellinger |
| 2 | 1920 | Long Creek Memorial | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 3 | 1921 | Cherryville | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 4 | 1922 | Cramerton | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 5 | 1923 | Loray, Gastonia | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 6 | 1924 | Mount Zion | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |
| 7 | 1925 | Alexis | W. J. Francis | David P. Dellinger |

## TRUSTEES BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

*Term Expires* 1926

J. W. Whitley, Gastonia
R. S. Lewis, Dallas

*Term Expires* 1927

W. C. Barrett, Gastonia
W. L. Walters, Gastonia

*Term Expires* 1928

D. P. Stowe, Belmont
N. B. Kendrick, Cherryville

*Term Expires* 1929

R. F. Craig, Stanley
W. J. Francis, Belmont

*Term Expires* 1930

J. J. Beach, Cherryville
A. U. Stroup, Mount Holly

# Membership and Church Property of Gaston County Baptist Association, September 30, 1925

| CHURCH | Pastor and Postoffice | Clerk and Postoffice | GAINS | | | | LOSSES | | | Total Present Members | Regular Days of Meeting | When Constituted | Revival Meetings Held During Year | Families Receiving State Baptist Paper | Persons Seated | Number of Rooms | Value of Church House and Grounds | Value of Pastor's Home | Total Value all Church Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Baptisms | Letters | Statements | Restorations | Letters | Exclusions | Deaths | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexis | R. G. Short, Cherryville | C. L. Abernethy, Alexis | 2 | 12 | | | 9 | | | 168 | 2-4 | 1900 | 1 | 2 | 400 | 5 | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| Belmont, East | R. G. Mace, Belmont | K. E. Simmons, Belmont | 4 | 17 | | 6 | 22 | 26 | | 319 | | *-1912 | 1 | | | | 10,000 | 3,000 | 13,000 |
| Belmont, First | S. R. Bass, Belmont | W. H. Stowe, Belmont | 2 | 7 | | | 7 | | | 255 | | *-1851 | 1 | 12 | | | 16,000 | 12 000 | 28,000 |
| Bessemer City | W. W. Williams, Bessemer City | J. R. Rollins, Bessemer City | 42 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 474 | | *-1897 | 1 | 15 | 1000 | 16 | 46,000 | 4,000 | 50,000 |
| Bruington | O. W. Triplett, Stanley | A. C. Taylor, Stanley | 18 | 14 | 10 | | 10 | | 2 | 253 | | *-1853 | | 25 | 400 | 9 | 17,000 | 3,000 | 20,000 |
| Center View | A. R. Holland, N. Belmont | C. C. Holtzclaw, N. Belmont | 12 | 53 | 3 | | 71 | 11 | 2 | 243 | | *-1921 | 2 | 2 | 400 | 2 | 3,000 | 2,500 | 5,500 |
| Cherryville | J. J. Beach, Cherryville | David P. Dellinger, Cherryville | 29 | 25 | | | 33 | | 1 | 187 | | *-1893 | 1 | 30 | 600 | 21 | 80 000 | 5,000 | 85,000 |
| Cramerton | J. M. Trogdon, Cramerton | W. R. Bridgeman, Bx 132, Cramerton | 29 | 38 | 8 | | 50 | 169 | 4 | 212 | | *-1911 | 2 | 10 | 500 | 7 | 50,000 | 2,700 | 52,700 |
| Dallas | W. T. Baucom, Dallas | J. R. Lewis, Dallas, N. C. | 20 | 7 | | | 1 | | 3 | 178 | | *-1879 | 1 | 10 | 600 | 6 | 20,000 | 10,000 | 30,000 |
| Flint-Groves | M. L. Barnes, Ranlo, Gastonia | A. L. Cline, East Gastonia | 18 | 54 | 9 | | 21 | 3 | 1 | 276 | | *-1923 | 1 | | 450 | 10 | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| Calvary, Gastonia | T. P. Stanfield, Gastonia | W. A. Marley, Gastonia, Pink. Sta. | 101 | 90 | 2 | | 69 | | 2 | 374 | | *-1920 | 2 | 10 | 500 | 10 | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| East Gastonia | J. O. Fulbright, Gastonia | M. T. Sanders, Jr., Gastonia | 21 | 32 | | 1 | 42 | 4 | 3 | 490 | | *-1900 | 1 | 50 | 600 | 11 | 50 000 | 4,000 | 54,000 |
| First Gastonia | W. C. Barrett, Gastonia | W. B. Hair, Gastonia | 30 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 5 | 4 | 861 | | *-1876 | 1 | 50 | 1392 | | 250,000 | 30,000 | 280,000 |
| Lorny, Gastonia | J. W. Whitley, Gastonia | L. J. Waldrop, Gastonia | 20 | 66 | 42 | 1 | 140 | 192 | 5 | 1002 | | *-1905 | 1 | 30 | 1600 | 44 | 70,000 | 20,000 | 90,000 |
| So. Marietta, Gastonia | P. A. Underwood, Gastonia | J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia | 17 | 44 | 2 | | 51 | 34 | | 210 | | *-1917 | 1 | 15 | 500 | 11 | 30,000 | | 30,000 |
| Hardin | C. A. Abernethy, Worth | Justus J Friday Rt. 1, Dallas | 10 | 6 | 1 | | 6 | 2 | 1 | 88 | 1-3 | 1922 | 2 | 3 | | | 75 | | 75 |
| Hickory Grove | W. B. McClure, Alexis | Geo. R. Abernethy, R-2, Lowell | 17 | 14 | | 2 | 23 | 13 | 1 | 168 | 2-4 | 1873 | 1 | 6 | | 3 | 4,000 | | 4,000 |
| High Shoals | R. G. Short, Cherryville | Erwin Goodson, High Shoals | | 18 | | | 17 | 19 | 1 | 56 | 2-4 | 1902 | 2 | | 350 | 1 | 1 500 | | 1,500 |
| Hull's Grove | L. C. Douthit, Cherryville | Brenola Willis, R-3, Vale | 27 | 2 | | 1 | 42 | | 2 | 163 | 3- | 1890 | 1 | 3 | 500 | 2 | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| Long Creek Memorial | W. W. Rimmer, Dallas | A. R. Holland, Dallas | 10 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 10 | | 5 | 299 | *- | 1772 | 1 | 10 | 1000 | 13 | 55,000 | 2,500 | 57,500 |
| Lowell | W. N. Cook, Lowell | R. E. Wyatt, Lowdl | 7 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 31 | 3 | 180 | *- | 1892 | 2 | 10 | 400 | 6 | 5,000 | 8,000 | 13,000 |
| (a) Lucia | | | | | | | | | | 41 | | - | | | 300 | 1 | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| McAdenville | C. A. Caldwell, McAdenville | Chas. L. Adcock, McAdenville | 16 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 353 | *- | 1887 | 1 | | 500 | 10 | 5 000 | 2,000 | 7,000 |
| Mount Beulah | W. G. Camp, Cherryville | M. L. Black, R-1, Bessemer City | 17 | 3 | | | 8 | 2 | 1 | 152 | 2-4 | 1916 | 1 | | 400 | 2 | 1,000 | | 4,000 |
| Mount Holly | E. C. Andrews, Mount Holly | B. F. Usher, Mt. Holly | 11 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | 1 | 424 | *- | 1900 | 1 | 15 | 1000 | 18 | 45,000 | 8,000 | 53,000 |
| (a) West Mount Holly | | | | | | | | | | 12 | | 1922 | | | | | | | |
| Mount Zion | W. L. Walters, Gastonia | A. L. Putnam, Cherryville | 21 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 187 | 2-4 | 1875 | 1 | 20 | 700 | 1 | 3,500 | | 3,500 |
| Ranlo | M. L. Barnes, Ranlo, Gastonia | J. B. Hollifield, Ranlo, Gastonia | 22 | 52 | 1 | 2 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 288 | *- | 1919 | 1 | 15 | 450 | 12 | 16,000 | | 16,000 |
| Sandy Plains | W. W. Rimmer, Dallas | W. E. Barnes, R-1, Lowell | 8 | 11 | | | 11 | | 4 | 216 | 2-4 | 1863 | 1 | | 250 | 4 | 2,500 | | 2 500 |
| Shady Grove | W. G. Camp, Cherryville | D. R. Stroup, Cherryville | 9 | 4 | | | 1 | | | 134 | 1-3 | 1881 | 1 | 3 | 300 | 1 | 500 | | 500 |
| Spencer Mountain | R. G. Short, Cherryville | W. A. Payseur, Lowell | 11 | 4 | | | 8 | 5 | | 60 | 1-3 | 1909 | 1 | 1 | 200 | 1 | | | |
| Tuckaseege | I. C. Miller, Patterson | J. D. Smith, Mount Holly | 9 | 5 | | | 5 | | 1 | 100 | 4- | 1912 | 1 | 2 | 250 | 1 | 3,800 | 2,200 | 6,000 |
| Eagle Grove | B. T. Gladden, Cramerton | J. F Lawing, Belmont | | | | | | | | 20 | | 1925 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 598 | 762 | 88 | 21 | 757 | 542 | 56 | 8738 | | | | | | | $821,875 | $118,900 | $941,775 |

(a) No report—former report used

# FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCH | TREASURER AND POSTOFFICE | (1)Pastor's Salary | (1)Other Salaries | Ministerial Help | Building and Repairs | (1)Incidentals | Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Expenses | Local Poor | Minute Fund, etc. | Other Objects | Home Total | Cooperative Program (Undesignated) | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | State and Associational Missions | Christian Education | Orphanage | Hospitals | Ministerial Relief | Other Benevolences | Denominational Total | GRAND TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexia | F. B. Morris, Alexia | 400 | | | | 10.00 | 66.37 | | 5.60 | | 181.97 | 121.61 | 12.50 | | 12.50 | | | | | | 146.61 | 628.58 |
| Belmont, East | Connor Rumfeldt, Belmont | 2,600 | 286 | 134.62 | 470.00 | 214.00 | 365.09 | 60.00 | | 173.05 | 4,302.67 | 1,142.37 | 22.60 | 21.70 | | 15.94 | | 20.53 | | 13.24 | 1,236.38 | 5,539.05 |
| Belmont, First | R. B. Suggs, Belmont | 2,000 | | 250.95 | | 1,000.00 | 347.99 | | | 841.22 | 4,531.68 | 2,143.94 | | | | | | | | | 2,143.96 | 6,675 62 |
| Bessemer City | H. P. Keeter, Bessemer City | 2,000 | | 236.00 | 4,264.00 | 100.00 | 206.43 | 50.00 | | 512.11 | 7,368.54 | 309.80 | 13.85 | 13.85 | 20.00 | | 41.00 | 7.00 | | | 405.50 | 7,774.04 |
| Brington | I. E. Craig, Stanley | 791 | 54 | 88.00 | 8.00 | 66.00 | 135.00 | 10.00 | 8.75 | | 1,142.07 | 7.00 | 13.25 | 35.75 | 42.25 | 30.00 | 14.75 | 10.00 | 5.25 | 11.00 | 169.25 | 1,321.32 |
| Center View | H. E. Conrad, N. Belmont | 780 | 65 | 236.36 | 1,054.00 | 136.00 | | | 35.36 | 2.25 | 88.99 | 2 339.12 | 70.00 | | 8.40 | 22.00 | 132.81 | | | | 233.31 | 2,572.33 |
| Cherryville | J. W. Kendrick, Cherryville | 3,000 | | 165.22 | 3,155.00 | 388.00 | 121.50 | 43.85 | 17.08 | 542.60 | 7,434.38 | 388.47 | | | 44.69 | | | | | | 1,095.82 | 8,520.20 |
| Cramerton | Mrs. R. L. Leeper, Cramerton | 2,340 | 104 | 350 00 | | 22.54 | 475.68 | | 7.80 | 150.00 | 3,444.22 | 672.78 | | | | 5.00 | 71.50 | | 95.00 | | 844.28 | 4,288.28 |
| Dallas | M. L. McSwain, Dallas | 2,000 | 120 | | 771.76 | 378.20 | 130 00 | 18.05 | 5.00 | 65.91 | 3,488.92 | 624.04 | | | | 115.00 | 127.81 | 58.25 | | | 925.10 | 4,414.02 |
| Flint Groves | P. A. Cline, East Gastonia | 884 | 142 | 125.00 | 5,441.00 | 40.95 | 104 41 | 63.50 | 9.50 | 288.34 | 6,997.69 | 100.00 | 10.50 | | | | 113.88 | 21.65 | | 20.00 | 266.03 | 7,361.72 |
| Calvary, Gastonia | J. H. Fagan, Pinkney Sta. Gastonia | 1,800 | 150 | 240.21 | 2,184.22 | 383.89 | 113 25 | 53.52 | 7.50 | 262.75 | 5,195.34 | 313.01 | | | | | 58.10 | 19.20 | | | 390.31 | 5,585.65 |
| East Gastonia | C. O. Long, Gastonia | 2,079 | 364 | 220.00 | 2,347.47 | 312.66 | 489 55 | | 15.00 | | 5,827.68 | 1,175.79 | | | | | 386.64 | | | | 1,562.43 | 7,390.11 |
| First Gastonia | A. Froneberger, Gastonia | 4,125 | 4,396 | 45.00 | 29,242.16 | 1,774.95 | 34 65 | 220.00 | | 900.00 | 40,738.16 | 7,548.99 | | | 93.20 | 317.05 | 253.50 | 67.70 | | | 8,280.41 | 49,018.60 |
| Loray, Gastonia | D. A. Grigg, Gastonia | 4,100 | 2,444 | | 661.90 | 1,635.34 | 725.99 | 161.14 | 10.00 | 2,905.37 | 12,827.39 | 881.31 | 7.50 | 10.00 | 25.00 | 150.30 | 673.50 | 30.00 | | | 1,767.61 | 14,595.00 |
| So. Marietta, Gastonia | J. O. Millen, Gastonia | 2,080 | 92 | 161.60 | 655.00 | 202.96 | 125.00 | 15.00 | 5.00 | | 3,336.56 | | | | 27.26 | | 82.00 | 13.10 | | 125.20 | 247.56 | 3 584.12 |
| Hardin | Justus J Friday Rt. 1, Dallas | 400 | 20 | 130.00 | | 22.40 | 38.00 | 20.00 | 3.08 | 25.00 | 658.48 | 100.00 | | | | | | | | | 100.00 | 758 48 |
| Hickory Grove | Geo. R. Abernethy, Rt 2, Lowell | 466 | | 68.21 | | 33.68 | 64.00 | | | | 632.40 | | 33.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | | 17.05 | | 17.05 | | 133.10 | 765.50 |
| High Shoals | Perry Murray, High Shoals | 259 | | 26.64 | | | | | 2.00 | | 285.68 | 14.35 | | | | | | | | | 14.35 | 300.03 |
| Hull's Grove | J. P. Houser, Rt. 3, Vale | 400 | | | 21.00 | 68 00 | 43.69 | | 3.40 | | 536.09 | 53.71 | | | 6.98 | | | | 8.00 | | 68.69 | 604.78 |
| Long Creek Memorial | T. S. Summey, Dallas | 1,413 | 48 | 165.00 | 1,749.32 | 352.73 | 125.57 | | 7.50 | | 3,861 12 | 71.00 | | | 11.38 | | 26.26 | | | 7.43 | 146.07 | 4,007 19 |
| Lowell | M. H. Dilling, Lowell | 1,575 | | 108.98 | 856.75 | 31.96 | 59.97 | 8.01 | | 30.33 | 2,671.25 | 241.82 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 80.00 | | | 32.00 | | | 453.82 | 3,125 07 |
| (a) Lucia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McAdenville | Chas. Austin, McAdenville | 2,080 | 144 | 107.25 | 68.20 | 2,180.00 | 181.25 | 297.42 | 10.00 | 3,149 55 | 8,220.67 | 1,757.15 | | | | 20.00 | 167.95 | 53.00 | | 167.95 | 2,166.05 | 10,386 72 |
| Mount Beulah | W. B. Flam, Rt., Lincolnton | 438 | 24 | 106 65 | | 18.50 | 18.16 | | 5.30 | | 660.11 | 100.80 | | 8 00 | 24.05 | | 51.08 | | | | 183.93 | 781.04 |
| Mount Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly | 2,219 | | 127.00 | 25,472.00 | 301.94 | 131.93 | 8 60 | 8 00 | | 28,268 47 | | | | | | 51.70 | 13.40 | | | 65.10 | 28,331 57 |
| (a) West Mount Holly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Zion | G. L. Dellinger, Cherryville | 300 | | 62.00 | | 25.75 | 73.00 | 15 00 | 6.50 | | 182.25 | 111 82 | | | | | 15.00 | | | | 126.82 | 609.07 |
| Ranlo | A. C. Warlick, Ranlo, Gastonia | 941 | 48 | 65.08 | 3,138.29 | 35.00 | 100 00 | 91.25 | 5.00 | 620 27 | 5,043 39 | 174 09 | | | 12.36 | 10.00 | 50.00 | | | | 246.45 | 5,289 84 |
| Sandy Plains | N. A. Jenkins, Rt. 3, Gastonia | 400 | | 90 30 | | 147.00 | 69 07 | | 3.00 | 8 71 | 617.58 | 46.55 | | | 20 85 | 193.10 | 62.32 | | | | 322 82 | 940 10 |
| Shady Grove | D. M. Witherspoon, Cherryville | 198 | | 67.55 | | 6.00 | 19 32 | | 4 00 | 15 07 | 304.94 | 14.00 | | | 3.95 | | 45 80 | | 5.15 | | 68.90 | 373 84 |
| Spencer Mountain | C. Y. Smith, Lowell | 290 | 12 | | | 46 | 86.04 | | 2.10 | 104 30 | 494 14 | | 4 00 | | 6.22 | 12.50 | 14.30 | | | | 37.02 | 531.16 |
| Tuckaseege | N. H. Huffstickler, Mt. Holly | 195 | | 20.00 | 164.61 | 26.00 | 61 93 | 30 00 | 2.00 | 24.00 | 523.52 | | 50.00 | | 15.19 | | 64.37 | | | | 129.56 | 653 08 |
| Eagle Grove | J. F. Lawing, Belmont | 50 | | | | | 4 26 | | | | 54 26 | | | | | | | | | | | 54 26 |
| | | $42,600 | $8 513 | $3,398.62 | $81,724.95 | $12,156.37 | $4,519 26 | $1,200.70 | | $10,651 57 | $162,710.35 | $18,184 40 | $217.20 | $173.30 | $517.28 | $890.89 | $2,521.32 | $346.73 | $35.45 | $439 82 | $23 977.26 | $186,773.67 |

(a) No report—and former report used. (1) Cents omitted but include d in totals.

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, B. Y. P. U. AND WOMAN'S WORK

| CHURCH | SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES | SECRETARIES AND POST OFFICES | Officers and Teachers | Beginners 3-5 Years | Primaries 6-8 Years | Juniors 9-12 Years | Intermediates 13-16 Years | Seniors and Adults 17 and Up | Cradle Roll Under 3 Years | Home Department | Total Enrollment | Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas | Baptisms from School | Gifts to Local Church Work | Gifts to Missions Orphanage, etc. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alexis | T. W. Garrison, Alexis | A. L. McAlister, Alexis | 15 | | | | | | | | 160 | 3 | 2 | 11.45 | 69.53 |
| Belmont, East | J. B. Brown, Belmont | Ernest Bumgardner, Belmont | 28 | 50 | 14 | 37 | 48 | 111 | 15 | | 288 | 6 | | | 362.18 |
| Belmont, First | D. P. Stowe, Belmont | T. O. Crowell, Belmont | 14 | 15 | 20 | 31 | 55 | 16 | 26 | | 214 | 7 | 2 | | 455.91 |
| Bessemer City | J. B. Keeter, Bessemer City | J. B. Keeter, Bessemer City | 24 | 25 | 25 | 48 | 69 | 192 | | | 386 | 5 | 34 | 1,506.43 | 10.00 |
| Brairgton | F. G. Dawkins, Stanley | Ray Morris, Stanley | 14 | 24 | 20 | 30 | 42 | 120 | | | 250 | | 6 | 30.00 | 52.00 |
| Center View | E. S. Auten, N. Belmont | Henry Roper, Rt 1, Belmont | 9 | | | | | | | | 300 | 1 | | | |
| Cherryville | J. T. Allen, Cherryville | S. Stroup, Cherryville | 17 | 25 | 47 | 85 | 78 | 126 | | | 378 | 12 | 23 | 551.26 | 234.98 |
| Cramerton | R. L. Leeper, Cramerton | Harry Tendleton, Cramerton | 32 | 40 | 45 | 82 | 75 | 115 | | | 389 | 2 | 20 | | 20.80 |
| Dallas | P. D. Summey, Dallas | Miss Mae Durham, Dallas, | 14 | 12 | 30 | 48 | 36 | 35 | | | 175 | | 12 | 362.79 | 175.87 |
| Flint-Groves | J. L. Price, East Gastonia | L. P. Baker, East Gastonia | 15 | 65 | 40 | 40 | 20 | 220 | 22 | | 420 | | 37 | | |
| Calvary, Gastonia | E. A. Hurley, Victory Sta., Gastonia | J. E. Stanfield, Gastonia | 12 | 35 | 56 | 26 | 43 | 220 | 24 | 64 | 480 | 4 | 75 | 400.00 | 54.00 |
| East Gastonia | J. S. Lazenby, Gastonia | D. M. Robinson, Gastonia | 30 | 16 | 42 | 57 | 39 | 125 | 27 | 18 | 354 | 18 | 21 | 520.31 | |
| First Gastonia | M. O. Thornburg, Gastonia | J. B. Reeves, Gastonia | 69 | 54 | 78 | 93 | 86 | 420 | 83 | 21 | 904 | 40 | 24 | 200.00 | 1 879.21 |
| Loray, Gastonia | W. Lee Smith, Gastonia | Harry Capps, Sta. 1, Gastonia | 51 | 46 | 88 | 190 | 91 | 1933 | 261 | 93 | 2,753 | 32 | 15 | 725.99 | 673.50 |
| So. Marietta, Gastonia | J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia | Miss Beulah M Glover, R3, Gastonia | 34 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 25 | 71 | 45 | | 280 | 7 | 8 | | 122.36 |
| Hardin | Justus J. Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas | Effie Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas | 5 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 25 | | | 81 | | 2 | 20.00 | |
| Hickory Grove | Lloyd Flowers, Rt. 2, Mt. Holly | James Lineberger, Rt. 2, Lowell | 10 | 33 | 13 | 13 | 23 | 53 | | | 145 | | 17 | 39.40 | 128.28 |
| High Shoals | J. F. Hawkins, High Shoals | Robt. Boggs, High Shoals | 9 | 11 | 19 | 22 | 18 | 45 | | | 124 | | | 120.68 | 6.52 |
| Hull's Grove | T. B. Hull, Cherryville | Miss Clyde Brendle, Rt. 3, Vale | 7 | 23 | 19 | 36 | 15 | 64 | | | 164 | 4 | | 35.85 | |
| Long Creek Memorial | T. S. Summey, Dallas | Herman Rhyne, Dallas | 15 | | | | | | | | 215 | | 8 | 893.66 | 75.07 |
| Lowell | A. E. Cleinmer, Lowell | R. L. Featherstone, Lowell | 10 | | | | | | | | 225 | | | 252.20 | 112.50 |
| (in) Lucia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McAdenville | W. A. Bentley, McAdenville | H. F. Galyan, McAdenville | 13 | | | | | | | 50 | 390 | | 10 | | |
| Mount Beulah | E. H. Biggerstaff, Bessemer City | B. H. Carpenter, Rt 6 Bessemer City | 11 | 6 | 13 | 30 | 35 | 70 | 14 | | 179 | | 16 | 18.16 | 8.00 |
| Mount Holly | O. L. Hoffman, Mt. Holly | C. H. Hoover, Mt. Holly | 15 | 50 | 59 | 92 | 72 | 153 | | | 401 | | 12 | 534.46 | 61.65 |
| (in) West Mount Holly | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Zion | George Beam, Cherryville | Edna Helms, Cherryville | 7 | | | | | | | | 115 | | | | |
| Ranlo | A. G. Webb, Ranlo, Gastonia | | 15 | 75 | 59 | 88 | 50 | 150 | | | 437 | 5 | 15 | 551.00 | 100.00 |
| Sandy Plains | J. C. Millen, Rt. 2, Gastonia | J. C. Warren, Rt. 1, Lowell | 10 | 28 | 22 | 18 | | 95 | 23 | 14 | 210 | | 1 | | |
| Shady Grove | F. L. Mauney, Cherryville | Irez Stroup, Cherryville | 8 | | 11 | 11 | 16 | 23 | | | 69 | | 5 | | 17.53 |
| Spencer Mountain | W. R. Thomas Lowell | B. M. Causby, Rt. 2, Lowell | 10 | | 46 | 24 | 43 | | | | 123 | | 3 | | 10.30 |
| Tuckaseege | Ralph Thomas, Mt. Holly | Miss Lillie Auten, Mt. Holly | 11 | 27 | | 21 | 7 | 57 | 10 | | 133 | | 8 | | 64.37 |
| Eagle Grove | Frank Ingle, Belmont | J. F. Lawing, Belmont | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 524 | 702 | 813 | 1185 | 957 | 4329 | 550 | 260 | 10,795 | 146 | 376 | $5 773.73 | $1 694.62 |

| PRESIDENTS OF B. Y. P. U'S AND POSTOFFICES | Senior Unions | Intermediate Unions | Junior Unions | Total Unions | Seniors Enrolled | Intermediates Enrolled | Juniors Enrolled | Total Enrolled | Number Daily Bible Readers | Unions Taking Study Courses | Total Systematic Givers in All Unions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Viola Abernethy, Alexis | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 23 | | | |
| C. E. Fantt, Belmont | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 25 | | 65 | 20 | 25 | 20 |
| Fred Sherrill, Bessemer City | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 30 | | | |
| Mrs. C. H. Verner, Stanley | 3 | | | 3 | 75 | | | 75 | 50 | | |
| Miss Annie Vandyke, Cherryville | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 40 | | 35 | 75 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| W. R. Gosnell, Cramerton | 1 | | | 1 | 20 | | | | 12 | 12 | 15 |
| Miss Nettie Mitchell, Dallas | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| P. A. Cline, East Gastonia | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 30 | | 30 | 60 | 30 | | 25 |
| J. E. Stanfield, Gastonia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 14 | 20 | 66 | 49 | 10 | 42 |
| A. W. Simpson, Gastonia | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 30 | 20 | | 50 | 40 | | 40 |
| F. E. Sanders, Gastonia | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 32 | 49 | 23 | 104 | 46 | | |
| W. G. McArver, Sta. 1, Gastonia | 5 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 85 | 34 | 40 | 159 | 120 | 56 | 102 |
| J. M. Kincaid, Gastonia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 22 | 53 | 2 | 28 | |
| Ernest Friday, Rt. 1, Dallas | 1 | | | | 22 | | | 22 | | | |
| Robt. Boggs, High Shoals | 1 | | | | 23 | | | | 8 | | 4 |
| Miss Carrie Queen, Dallas | 1 | | | 1 | 26 | | | | | | |
| Mason Branch, McAdenville | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 43 | | 35 | 78 | | | 43 |
| Lee Saunders, Mt. Holly | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 25 | 30 | 55 | | | |
| Virginia Withers, Ranlo Gastonia | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 30 | | 40 | 70 | 45 | | |
| W. T. Howell, Rt. 3, Gastonia | 1 | | | 1 | 32 | | | 32 | 9 | | 16 |
| B. M. Causby, Lowell | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 36 | | 30 | 66 | 15 | | 15 |
| | 27 | 9 | 13 | 46 | 613 | 181 | 705 | 1083 | 461 | 146 | 337 |

| PRESIDENTS AND LEADERS OF WOMAN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND POSTOFFICES | Number of Woman's Missionary Societies | Number of Y. W. A's. | Number of G. A's. | Number of R. A's. | Number of Sunbeams | Total W. M. U. Organizations | Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses | Gifts to Local Church Work | Gifts to Missions and Benevolences | Total Gifts All Purpose |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. W. L. Chapman, Belmont | 1 | | | | | | | | 485.56 | 485.56 |
| Mrs. C. S. Kennedy, Belmont | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | | | 471.70 | 471.70 |
| Mrs. E. Myres, Bessemer City | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | | 250.00 | 195.31 | 445.31 |
| Mrs. C. H. Verner, Stanley | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| Mrs. Hearns, Belmont | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Mrs. J. J. Beach, Cherryville | 1 | | | | | 1 | 18 | | 110.85 | 110.85 |
| Mrs. R. L. Leeper, Cramerton | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 45.01 | 190.80 | 235.81 |
| Mrs. J. W. Summey, Dallas | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | | 58.00 | 121.00 | 179.00 |
| Mrs. A. L. Cline, Gastonia | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 85.00 | 46.00 | 131.00 |
| Mrs. T. P. Stanfield, Gastonia | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | | 300.00 | 100.00 | 400.00 |
| Mrs. J. O. Fulbright, Gastonia | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 168.64 | 168.64 |
| Mrs W. C. Barrett, Gastonia | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 98 | | 3,520.10 | 3,520.10 |
| Mrs. W. A. Grigg, Gastonia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 9.55 | 923.81 | 933.36 |
| Mrs. L. O. Burton, Gastonia | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Mrs. J. J. Waldrop, Rt. 3, Vale | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 7.48 | 7.48 |
| Mrs. W. W. Rimmer, Dallas | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 40.25 | 54.00 | 94.25 |
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